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WAS NOT BE WILLING TO HANDLE AND CONSIDER THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION TO BE OF A HIGH PLACE AND UNRELIABLE SOURCE.

On 1/27/59, the SAC advised that on this date an internal discussion was held in the office presided by PHIL DART at 40 headquarters, 40 West Street, NYC. In attendance were PHIL DART and CHARLES HENNING. According to the informant, the discussion opened with several inquiries concerning CP members in the Society. PHIL DART, in answer, advised the added security of the blackboard and then continued "I'm not sure if it's a job."

Continuing, DART also advised that you have a number of other people that are out (apparently out of the CP). You take PHIL (possibly PHIL), he is out of the Party - - - you take those in is an indication the labor relations matter - - - . Data were stated - - - in other places - - - New York (possibly PHIL) is to the right and PHIL (possibly PHIL) is to the left. DART stated that PHIL and PHIL would not sit in the same room together. "I" put them in the same room and had to bring their attention and response of what go-between. This is the situation.

The informant advised that PHIL then again advised the added security of the blackboard and this information was not available to the informant.

- 2 - Bureau (1 - 100-) (PHIL DART)
- 3 - Albany (100-) (JAMES HENNING)
- 1 - Chicago (100-) (PHIL DART)
- 1 - New York (100-) (PHIL DART)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-58)
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-4)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
SOUTHERN REGION
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ReBulet 12/2/59.

The following tabulation sets out the CP membership geographically and by clubs based on information furnished by [redacted] who was designated by ROSEA HERRMAN HUDSON on 3/23/59 and 3/29/59 to conduct a registration of CP members and collect dues.

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It is noted that two members registered on 1/3/60 in Baton Rouge, La., and three others indicated a desire to register but did not have the money for registration fees. These three indicated that they would formally register in the CP later in the month. These three individuals are, therefore, being designated as tentative members.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

New Orleans, Louisiana

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- ② - New York (100-80638) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans

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Name of Member Date of Registration

White Club

[Redacted]

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Negro Club

WALTER ALBERT EVANS

[Redacted]

9/23/59
10/1/59
10/1/59

Lettsworth, Louisiana

Farm Group

[Redacted]

11/1/59
11/1/59

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Neighborhood Club

[Redacted]

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Total 12
Positive identification 9
Tentative 3

Pursuant to the Manual of Instructions, the following are various breakdowns of the above memberships:

White 2
Negro 10
Male 7
Female 5

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Union member	4
Veterans	3
Occupations	
Housewife	3
Advertising-sales	1
Hospital orderly	1
Longshoreman	1
Nurse	1
Laborer	2
Domestic servant	1
Total	12

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

There are no known CP members in the Southern District of Mississippi.

The above membership figures differ from the previous membership figure used inasmuch as the previous figure was based on an estimated membership as furnished by together with the last registration of CP members which occurred in late 1955 or early 1956.

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For the further information of the Chicago Office, this informant also advised on the above date that CLARENCE BENTLEY, inquired of JIMMIE BENTLEY as to when he was coming to Chicago. BENTLEY indicated that he possibly may go to Chicago sometime in February. BENTLEY told BENTLEY that they were planning a filmstrip copying, possibly on the nights of 2/7/50 or 2/8/50, and BENTLEY indicated that the date of 2/11/50 would be better for him and that possibly he may come to Chicago that weekend. BENTLEY made no definite commitment in this matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
C I N A L

DATE: 2/9/60

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CG 5824-S*, on 2/7/60, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on 2/8/60: (X)

LOPEZ

- 3 - Bureau (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Baltimore (100-12125) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications) (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Buffalo (100-) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications) (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Boston (100-18169) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications) (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 4 - Cleveland (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-17257) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-222) [redacted]
 - (1 - 65-721) (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
- 5 - Detroit (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-2050) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-8482) [redacted]
 - (1 - 100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
 - (1 - 100-13740) (HELEN WINTER)

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- 2 - Indianapolis (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-11093) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-9529) (EMANUEL BLUM)
- 4 - Milwaukee (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-42-1) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-42-) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-42-) (CP-USA, Political Activities)
 - (1 - 100-4) (FRED BLAIR)
- 4 - Minneapolis (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-1878-P) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-1878-) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-) (Cominfil - NAACP)
 - (1 - 100-371) [REDACTED]
- 1 - Newark (100-) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
(AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New Haven (100-) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
(AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
- 31 - New York (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-81752) (CP-USA, Brief)
 - (1 - 100-89691) (CP-USA, Domestic Administration Issues)
 - (1 - 100-80633) (CP-USA, Education)
 - (1 - 100-80634) (CP-USA, Farmers Matters)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-80638) (CP-USA, Membership)
 - (1 - 100-80640) (CP-USA, Negro Question)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-81675) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-79717) (CP-USA, Political Activities)
 - (1 - 100-89590) (CP-USA, Strategy in Industry)
 - (1 - 100-80644) (CP-USA, Youth Matters)
 - (1 - 100-128817) (CP-USA, New York District, Membership)
 - (1 - 100-128814) (CP-USA, New York District, Organization)
 - (1 - 97-169) (Publishers New Press)
 - (1 - 100-) (Cominfil - American Civil Liberties Union)
 - (1 - 100-) (Cominfil - NAACP)
 - (1 - 100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
 - (1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
 - (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
 - (1 - 100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT)
 - (1 - 100-84994) (GUS HALL)
 - (1 - 100-) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON)
 - (1 - 100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
 - (1 - 100-105078) (HYMAN LUMER)

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- (1 - 100-135736) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
- (1 - 100-118174) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 100-269) (HENRY WINSTON)
- (1 - 100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK)
- 2 - Philadelphia (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-31643) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 65-4641) [REDACTED]
- 2 - St. Louis (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-7781) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-7367) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
- 15 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-32207) (CINAL)
 - (1 - 100-18956) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Negro Question)
 - (1 - 100-18953) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-18209) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-35579) (Cominfil - Chicago League of Negro Voters)
 - (1 - 100-8261) (Cominfil - NAACP)
 - (1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-12459) (FLO HALL)
 - (1 - 100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - (1 - 100-12789) (GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT)
 - (1 - 100-20289) [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 2/11/60

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C42)

SUBJECT: CP, BRONX COUNTY
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Identity of Source [redacted], who has furnished insufficient information to determine reliability (conceal)

Description of info Discussion group, 1/14/60

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Date received 1/15/60

Received by SA [redacted] (oral)

Location Instant memo

1 - Chicago (61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)

- 1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-87211 (CP, USA-Factionalism) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA-Organization) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA-Membership) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-128817 (CP, NYD-Membership) (416)
- 1 - NY 100-93665 [redacted] (421)
- 1 - NY 100-120473 [redacted] (421)
- 1 - NY 100-133346 [redacted] (421)
- 1 - NY 100-dead [redacted] (413)
- 1 - NY 100-77566 [redacted] (413)
- 1 - NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-133090 (Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy) (414)
- 1 - NY 62-11740 (NORMAN THOMAS) (413)
- 1 - NY 100-133902 (CP, USA-Infiltration of Mass Organizations) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-95583 (CP, USA-Line) (415)
- 1 - NY 100-132430 (CP, NYD-Industrial Division) (42)
- 1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (421)

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[redacted] advised that during the evening of 1/14/60, a small discussion group, which has been in the process of being organized by [redacted] met in the apartment of [redacted] Bronx, NY. It was attended by [redacted]

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[redacted] stated the group was led by [redacted] whom he described as Chairman of the Bronx County CP and also a member of the National Committee, CP-USA. The meeting, which had originally been described as a small discussion group on current affairs and their relationship with Marxism, actually turned out to be a post-convention discussion on the recently concluded convention of the CP-USA.

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[redacted] discussed the proceedings of the convention, particularly outlining the question of factionalism, mentioning particularly the Party has been able to dispose of its right and left factions and, in particular, mentioning that the hard core left factionalists had left the Party and formed their own organization.

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[redacted] indicated that the Party was now being led by individuals who were Marxist-Leninist in a central position, that is leaning neither to the right nor to the left in either form of factionalism.

She stated the Party's activities had been more constructive in the past year and in so doing, has become more democratic. [redacted] commented that the central committee system of the Party in itself encouraged more democratic, collective thinking.

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According to [redacted], there are now 10,000 members of the CP nationally and 2,000 in the NY District. These figures, she claimed, were from the last Party registration; however, [redacted] gave no breakdown as to the various counties in NY. She stated that JAMES JACKSON is now editor of "The Worker" and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT will be in charge of the Party's Negro affairs, remaining in Chicago.

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According to [redacted] indicated the peace issue is still predominant in Party work; however, the anti-monopoly issue will be one of the large issues of the Party during the coming post-convention period.

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Subsequent to the post-convention discussion of [redacted] in discussing mass work, [redacted] indicated a good place for a comrade to work in is the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

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Subsequent to this discussion, [redacted] was recruited by [redacted] into the Bronx County CP. [redacted] advised that due to the nature of his employment, he would be assigned to the Industrial Division of the Party after a brief background investigation. [redacted] was invited to rejoin the Party; however, she declined. [redacted] was re-recruited into the Party and both she and [redacted] paid 50 cents initiation fee to [redacted] further advised that [redacted] was identified as a member of the Bronx County CP belonging to a local club which he could not identify.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] announced two meetings; one, a demonstration at the West German Consulate to be held 1/18/60. This meeting was said to be receiving CP support and while he could not identify any of the groups which were sponsoring the meeting, recalled that NORMAN THOMAS was one of the featured speakers. Also announced was an unidentified meeting of a left wing Jewish group which was scheduled to be held at Union Square during the latter part of January, 1960.

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Time, Type, and Place of Meeting

A meeting of National Committee members who reside in the Midwest was held at Milda Hall in Chicago on Saturday, February 6, 1960.

Persons in Attendance

The following National Committee members were present at this meeting:

FRED BLAIR
EMANUEL BLUM
[redacted]
MORRIS CHILDS
[redacted]
FLO HALL
GUS HALL

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK
SAM KUSHNER
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT
HY LUMER
[redacted]
CARL WINTER
HELEN WINTER

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, who was ill, did not arrive at the meeting until after 3:00 P.M. The meeting had started shortly after 10:00 A.M.

Agenda

SAM KUSHNER, nominated by [redacted] was the Chairman. GUS HALL presented the following order of business:

- I. The Current Work of the Center or National Office of the Communist Party - USA.
- II. The Establishing of a Midwest Regional Organization.
- III. The Establishing of a Midwest Edition of "The Worker".
- IV. Midwest Negro Voters Conference.
- V. Miscellaneous, to include a Report on Cuba by MORRIS CHILDS and a Report on the Electoral Situation in Wisconsin by FRED BLAIR.

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I. REPORT ON THE CURRENT WORK OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA BY GUS HALL, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA

GUS HALL opened his remarks with a statement or two about HENRY WINSTON. He said that WINNIE is feeling better, but that he is still under constant guard. HALL said that a campaign is needed in an attempt to influence the Parole Board to grant parole to WINSTON. He said that the American Civil Liberties Union has agreed to start a campaign against the discrimination against Communists in the granting of paroles.

HALL stated that recently the House Committee on Un-American Activities intended to serve a subpoena on [redacted]. Through an error, an effort was made to serve the subpoena on [redacted] father, who, at the time, was critically ill and was actually in the operating room of a hospital. The hospital authorities had to intervene to prevent the attempt to serve the subpoena on [redacted] father. HALL said that as a result of this, the Communist Party will start a campaign charging the United States Government with stupidity and brutality, and the aim of this campaign will be to create popular sympathy for the Communist Party and its members.

HALL said that the inner life of the Communist Party - USA is improving. Morale and spirits are high. The process of unification is growing. There is a growing confidence in the leadership. While there are a few left-overs of factionalism, some of this is personal rather than political.

According to HALL, there is a noticeable process of return to the Party. Although this returning of former members to the Party has not yet reached flood proportions, it is a little bigger than a trickle. He said that many meetings have taken place with ex-members in attendance, and some of them are coming back to the Party.

With regard to the mass line of the Party, HALL said that it is being received with enthusiasm. However, it is still in the talking stage. There is still a tendency for the Party to work as of old, and it is showing some clumsiness in the application of the mass line.

He stated that some organizational steps have been taken and the Center or National Office is now organized to carry on

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work. JAMES JACKSON is now the Editor of "The Worker" and he is receiving a good reception in this position. JACKSON is going to a school of journalism two days a week, so he will be able to give guidance not only politically, but also as a journalist. LOUIS WEINSTOCK is replacing WILLIAM L. PATTERSON as the General Manager of "The Worker". HALL stated that WEINSTOCK's excellent ability to organize should bring dividends to "The Worker". He said that LOUIS WEINSTOCK will bring the foreign language papers closer to "The Worker". WEINSTOCK is already working on plans to establish printing shops which can be used jointly by "The Worker" and the foreign language newspapers.

HALL said that the Communist Party - USA has a new Youth Director, who he referred to as DANNY from Philadelphia. He said he does not want this information made public. Someone commented that WALTER WINCHELL had an item in his column concerning this, but that DANNY RUBIN's name was not correct.

Concerning the New York District, HALL said that BEN DAVIS is now out of the leadership of the New York District. The new District officers are CLARENCE HATHAWAY, Chairman; ARNOLD JOHNSON and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Vice-Chairmen; [redacted] Labor Secretary; BETTY GANNETT, Education Director; and BILL ALBERTSON, Executive Secretary.

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HALL stated that the kind of leadership which the New York District gets is important to the entire Party. He said he is confident that the new leadership will bring about significant changes in New York. He stated that he is convinced that the New York District will double its membership in one year. He said that this possibility is very realistic.

In an inferential attack against WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, HALL said that there are some lessons to be learned in the struggle for leadership in the New York District. He stated that the situation in the New York District required the intervention of the National Office, and this intervention became a point of discussion. HALL stated that under the concept of democratic centralism, the Center or National Office has the right to intervene in the affairs of a District. He then asked whether the intervention by the National Office produced results which were good or bad. Answering this question, he said that the intervention produced results which were good both from an organizational and from a political standpoint.

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Continuing, HALL stated that the concept of democratic centralism was not understood in the New York District. For example, when the National Office appointed LOUIS WEINSTOCK as the General Manager of "The Worker", [] in a meeting of the Industrial Region in the New York District, objected to WEINSTOCK's appointment. HALL said that it had to be pointed out to [] that on the basis of the principle of democratic centralism, [] could not challenge a decision of a higher body in a lower organization of the Party.

HALL said that basically all the problems and questions in the New York District have been dissolved. This means that the National Office will now have more time to devote to other matters. The solution of the leadership problem in the New York District helped to consolidate the national leadership, also.

Next Meeting of the National Committee
of the Communist Party - USA

HALL then announced that the next meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA will be held in Chicago during the last weekend in March, 1960. HALL asked that the Midwest Districts utilize the presence of the national cadre while it is in Chicago. In other words, Party leaders from the East coast should be invited to attend Section meetings in the Midwest Districts around the time of the National Committee meeting.

HALL stated that the agenda for the National Committee meeting has not been finalized as yet, but he believes that it will be something like the following:

- (1) The 1960 Election Campaigns.
- (2) Additional problems in regard to the industrial and trade union work of the Communist Party.
- (3) Knotty problems, such as those concerning farmers matters which were not solved at the 17th National Convention. Also, problems concerning the defense of the Party.

HALL said that the Communist Party - USA or the "Left" will have to establish Left centers for the defense of the Communist Party - USA.

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In regard to the 1960 election campaigns, HALL said that instead of having a general report by one of the national officers of the Party at the National Committee meeting, five or six Party leaders in the larger States will be selected and asked to make reports. Then someone from the National Office will give the summary.

Education and Cadre Training

HALL then proceeded to praise the National Education Department of the Communist Party - USA. He asked those present if they had seen the discussion outline on the 17th National Convention which has been distributed by the National Education Department. He said that this material lays the basis for the discussion at the next National Committee meeting.

HALL then referred to a review of the new Russian edition of the "Foundations of Marxism-Leninism", which appeared in the Volume 12 issue of the "World Marxist Review". He stated he hoped that English translations of the entire edition will be available soon. He called attention particularly to a chapter dealing with the standards of leadership and said that this is the greatest book published in the last decade.

HALL said, We should demand higher standards of leadership, but we should not have a subjective attitude towards those in leadership. Leaders should be judged by their policies. He said that skill in leadership is dealt with in "Foundations of Marxism-Leninism". He stated that this new edition is superior to the one written by JOSEPH STALIN on the same subject. The new edition underlines the experiences of those Communist Parties which are still fighting in capitalist countries.

Next, HALL said that there is not a sufficient connection between thinking and doing in the Party. He stated, Maybe we will have to change our tactics. Have we dealt correctly with civil rights, the peace movement, and strike struggles such as the recent steel strike? The crisis in the labor movement was approached with a too negative attitude by the Communist Party - USA. The Party made sweeping criticisms of the trade unions and the leadership of the trade unions. As a result, the Party received many letters from Communist Party sympathizers in the steel industry, and these letters criticized this type of an approach. HALL said that the Party will have to pay attention to the way in which the skill in leadership is placed in "Foundations of Marxism-Leninism", and will have to take internal contradictions

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into consideration. That is, labor struggles should be regarded as family quarrels and not in the same light as the struggle against the capitalists and imperialists.

The 1960 Elections

HALL complained that there is too much defeatism at the present time in regard to the 1960 elections. He cited as an example a decision by the Executive Board of the United Auto Workers not to intervene in either the Democratic or Republican National Conventions. He said that this pessimism has to be overcome. Citing another example, HALL mentioned that HARRISON, of the Railway Clerks Union, had threatened to withdraw from the advisory committee of the Democratic Party.

Then HALL said that in regard to the 1960 elections, the Communist Party has to do the following:

- (1) Expose the GOP, which claims to be a peace party.
- (2) Demonstrate that NIXON is not EISENHOWER and that even in the case of EISENHOWER there is a big gap between his words and deeds in regard to peace.
- (3) Continue to show and illustrate that the EISENHOWER administration is a Cadillac administration.
- (4) Demonstrate that while the national debt has increased 12% during the EISENHOWER administration, interest give-away has gone up 60%.
- (5) Show that the Democrats can win the Presidency in 1960 if they have a good program and a good candidate and form an alliance with labor, the Negroes, and independents.
- (6) Point out that the Democrats cannot win the 1960 Presidential election with a "missile candidate"; that is, a candidate who talks like the SAC's General THOMAS POWERS.
- (7) Demonstrate that the Democrats cannot win the Presidency if alliances are made with the Dixiecrats.
- (8) Point out that the initial and subsequent election victories of FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT were due to

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the fact that the Democratic Party formed an alliance with the people who put pressures on the Democrats for reforms.

II. THE ESTABLISHING OF A MIDWEST REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

After HALL's report, there was a break for lunch. This reporter was not present when the afternoon session began, and the following was taken from FRED BLAIR's notes:

Report of CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER proposed the establishing of a Midwest Regional Committee, which will be composed solely of National Committee members residing in the Midwest. This Regional Committee will, from time to time, call enlarged meetings and/or conferences to which non-members of the National Committee will be invited to attend.

Further, that this Midwest Regional Committee have an Executive Committee or Secretariat composed of the following four persons: CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CARL WINTER, SAM KUSHNER, and ANTHONY KRCHMAREK. Also, that MORRIS CHILDS work with this Secretariat, in addition to his other duties in the Midwest, although he will not be officially a member of the Secretariat.

That this Midwest Regional Committee will not be a substitute for the National Office. It is being established to co-ordinate the work of the Party in the Midwest and will, in this process, establish a relationship with the various National Office commissions, such as the Trade Union Commission and the Negro Commission. It will work on joint concentration policies for industry in the Midwest, and will help to stimulate and further national discussions. It will check up on the carrying through of national decisions. There will be a pooling of experiences where there are common interests, such as in election campaigns, the steel and auto industries, Negro affairs, etc.

The proposals in regard to the Midwest Regional Organization were adopted.

III. THE ESTABLISHING OF A MIDWEST EDITION OF "THE WORKER"

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SAM KUSHNER made the report in regard to the establishing of a Midwest edition of "The Worker". He said that this edition will be launched on May 1, 1960, and in preparation for it efforts should be made to get additional subscriptions, advertisements, paid "greetings", etc. He said that pages #1 and #2 and pages #15 and #16 will be devoted to Midwest news.

KUSHNER said that all the larger cities should open offices for "The Worker" which are separate and apart from the Party office, even though the Communist Party must give "The Worker" central attention.

HELEN WINTER then cited the following statistics for circulation of "The Worker":

The entire Eastern Seaboard.....	2,785
The Midwest.....	2,519
New York City.....	1,971
Illinois.....	1,225
New Jersey.....	152
Michigan.....	515
Minnesota.....	338
Eastern Pennsylvania.....	296
Wisconsin.....	177
New England.....	226
Missouri.....	65
Connecticut.....	67

HELEN WINTER said that the Midwest will challenge the Eastern Seaboard in a drive to increase circulation. She recommended that in this drive, the following States challenge each other:

Missouri challenge Connecticut
Illinois challenge New York City
Indiana challenge Maryland
Ohio challenge Eastern Pennsylvania
Minnesota challenge New England
Wisconsin challenge Upstate New York

HELEN WINTER said that this drive for new subscriptions to "The Worker" will last until May 1, 1960. She said that Michigan thinks that it can have a circulation of 770 by May 1, 1960.

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IV. NEGRO AFFAIRS

GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT announced that a conference of African women and women of African descent will be held in Accra, Ghana, from July 15 through 25, 1960. She said that she wanted those present to be aware of this conference and to try to create some interest in it.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated that a National Negro Rights Commission has been established and that this commission has prepared a political action program for the 1960 elections.

LIGHTFOOT said that the Communist Party must pay some attention to the emerging Negro Labor Congress. He also said that the Communist Party must be concerned with the National Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, scheduled to be held in June, 1960, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

LIGHTFOOT also said that the Communist Party must give attention to the Baptist Convention which will also be held in June, 1960.

Then LIGHTFOOT said that there is a national Negro cadre (not a Communist Party cadre) of 25,000 in the United States. He said that the National Office of the Communist Party - USA plans to compile a list of 10,000 to 15,000 names of persons who comprise this Negro cadre in the United States.

LIGHTFOOT announced that three regional conferences will be held and will be attended mainly by leading Negro cadre in the United States, although a few whites will also be in attendance. These conferences will be held in the East, the Midwest and the far West. The Midwest conference will be a two-day affair, starting on Saturday, February 13, 1960, at 2:00 P.M., at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago. He said that the aim of the conference is to survey what is happening in regard to the National Negro Rights Commission, the Negro Labor Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Baptist Church.

LIGHTFOOT then stated that the Negro Voters League is broader than it seems on the surface. He said that a Midwest Negro Voters Conference will be held in Chicago on March 11, 1960, and that the "call" for this conference will be ready for distribution in one week.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Cuba

MORRIS CHILDS made a brief report on Cuba, which contained nothing new or significant.

Those present at the meeting expressed a desire for more literature dealing with Cuba. HELEN WINTER stated that perhaps "The Worker" articles by JOE NORTH on Cuba could be re-produced and distributed in pamphlet form.

HY LUMER stated that the Communist Party - USA receives a considerable amount of material on Cuba which is written in Spanish. CARL WINTER commented that many of the Latin Americans in the United States might be more friendly to the Communist Party if material in Spanish was distributed to them.

GUS HALL stated that Communist Party members should be urged to make trips to Cuba as visitors.

Electoral Situation in Wisconsin

FRED BLAIR made a brief report on the electoral situation in Wisconsin. He said that Senator HUBERT HUMPHREY will defeat Senator JOHN KENNEDY in the Democratic primary in Wisconsin. BLAIR said that there is no political unity among Catholics in Wisconsin. In fact, a Catholic made the move to change the primary rules in a way which will hurt KENNEDY.

BLAIR said that since the incumbent Mayor of Milwaukee is not seeking re-election, some independents and progressives are organizing to run a candidate, and the Communist Party will give them a helping hand. He asked for assistance and advice in regard to this from the National Office and the Midwest Region of the Communist Party - USA.

With this brief report by BLAIR, this meeting was concluded.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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DATE: 2/11/60

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 1/21/60, at NY, reflects activity of CP, USA for the quarterly period 10/1/59 to 12/31/59. Details of such activity

1-NY (100-80641) (CP, USA-Organization) (415)
①-NY (100-80638) (CP, USA-Membership) (415)
1-NY (100-74560) (CP, USA-Funds) (415)
1-NY (100-81338) (CP, USA-Security Measures) (415)
1-NY (100-96985) (CP, USA-Underground Operations) (415)
1-NY (100-87211) (CP, USA-Factionalism) (415)
1-NY (100-86624) (CP, USA-International Relations) (415)
1-NY (100-88123) (CP, USA-United Nations) (415)
1-NY (100-87212) (CP, USA-Colonial Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-79717) (CP, USA-Political Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-80636) (CP, USA - Legislative Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-89691) (CP, USA-Domestic Administration Issues) (415)
1-NY (100-89590) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry) (415)
1-NY (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
1-NY (100-80644) (CP, USA-Youth Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-80643) (CP, USA-Women Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-80634) (CP, USA-Farmers Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-88297) (CP, USA-Cultural Activities) (415)
1-NY (100-79498) (CP, USA-Veterans Matters) (415)
1-NY (100-54651) (CP, USA-National Groups) (415)
1-NY (100-80864) (CP, USA-Religion) (415)
1-NY (100-81675) (CP, USA-Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
1-NY (100-80633) (CP, USA-Education) (415)
1-NY (100-133902) (CP, USA-Attempts of CP to Infiltrate:
Mass Organizations) (415)
1-NY (100-4931)
1-NY (100-140277) (CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence) (413)

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may be found in this report under the following:

- Organization
- Funds
- Security Measures
- Factionalism
- International Relations
- Political Activities
- Legislative Activities
- Domestic Administration Issues
- Strategy in Industry
- Negro Question
- Youth Matters
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Pamphlets and Publications
- CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence

No pertinent information concerning the following was developed for inclusion in above report:

- Membership
- Underground Operations
- United Nations
- Colonial Activities
- Cultural Activities
- Veterans Matters
- National Groups
- Religion
- Education
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)

DATE: 2/10/60

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NY DISTRICT
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ReNYlet, 12/10/59.

As of 2/1/60, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members 1829

2 - Bureau (100-3-68)(RM)
1 - NY 100-26603 (NY STATE CP)(416)
1 - NY 100-26603-C40 (BRONX)(421)
1 - NY 100-26603-C41 (QUEENS)(423)
1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (NEW YORK)(424)
1 - NY 100-26603-C43 (KINGS)(422)
1 - NY 100-26603-C44 (WESTCHESTER)(414)
1 - NY 100-26603-C45 (NASSAU)(414)
1 - NY 100-26603-C39 (RICHMOND)(414)
1 - NY 100-132430 (INDUSTRIAL DIVISION)(42)
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)(415)
1 - NY 100-128817 (416)

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(2) Number of members identified since last progress letter	64
(3) Number of members identified to date	853
(4) Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	57
(5) Number tentatively identified as CP members to date	105

Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification, "T" represents tentative identifications.)

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>Total 12/1/59 P/T</u>	<u>New Since 12/1/59 P/T</u>	<u>Deletions and Transfers P/T</u>	<u>Net Change P/T</u>	<u>Total 2/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>Estimated Current Membership</u>
Bronx County	183/18	9/2	-11/-3	-2/-1	181/17	250
Kings County	155/14	10/11	-11/-1	-1/10	154/24	318
Queens County	116/18	5/3	0/-6	5/-3	121/15	150
Richmond County*	5/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/0	
NY County	237/0	5/7	-29/0	-24/7	213/7	500
Nassau County	16/1	0/2	-3/-1	-3/ 1	13/2	61
Westchester County	11/0	0/0	-1/0	-1/0	10/0	50
Industrial	130/9	35/32	-9/-1	26/31	156/40	500
Totals	853/60	64/57	-64/-12	0/45	853/105	1829

* Richmond County is considered by CP as a section of NY County.

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Relative to the Estimated Current Membership the following additional info is set forth.

Bronx County: [] on 1/19/60, advised SA ROGER O'MARA that the Bronx County CP membership is estimated to be 250.

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Kings County: [] advised SA [] on 2/5/60, that it is estimated that 289 CP members in Kings County will contribute to a current fund drive. [] on 11/23/59, advised according to WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Kings County registered 318.

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Queens County: [] on 2/8/60, estimated the Queens County CP membership as being between 120-130.

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New York County: The estimated membership for the NY County CP is based on the info detailed in referenced letter. No additional info has been received concerning NY County.

Nassau County: NY 2733-S* furnished info concerning a report made by WILLIAM ALBERTSON at the NY State CP Convention on 11/28/59, during which ALBERTSON disclosed the Nassau County CP registration as 61.

Westchester County: During a meeting at the NY State CP Convention (11/27-29/59) MANUEL POUSADA, Organizer, Westchester County CP, informed [] that the membership in the Westchester County CP was 50.

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Industrial Division: [] on 11/16/59, advised that at the Industrial Division CP Convention, 11/13-14/59, [], Labor Secretary, NY State CP, stated that there are 700 CP members in the Industrial Division and that based on an apportionment of one delegate per five members to the convention, 500 of the 700 are in the New York City Industrial Division.

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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

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Dictated 2/10/60 to [Redacted]
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Date of Report

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Date(s) of activity

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Brief description of activity or material

PCP meeting.

File where original is located if not attached

[Redacted]

Remarks:

Informant's report translated by SA [Redacted]

- Action:
- Information contained herein disseminated to pertinent files by channelizing memorandum.
 - Oral information for lead purposes only; not reduced to writing.
 - Bureau and NY advised re [Redacted]

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8 - New York

- 1 - 100- CP, USA membership
- 1 - 100- CP, USA Int'l Relations
- 1 - 100- CP, USA Finances
- 1 - 105-33822 (MLPR)
- 1 - 100-126506 [Redacted]
- 1 - 100-123538 [Redacted]
- 1 - 100-132859 [Redacted]
- 1 - 100-136078 (POC)

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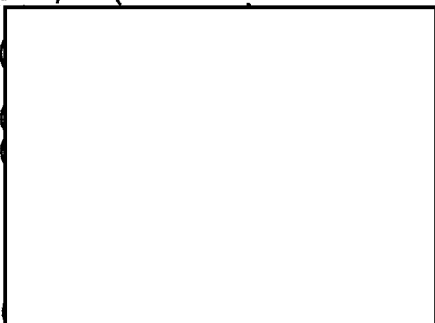


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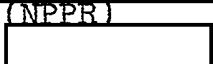
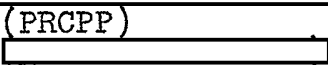


- 1 - 100-6312 (Pueblo)
- 1 - 100-6272 (Funds)
- 1 - 100-20 sub 12 (Membership)
- 1 - 100-20 sub 15 (Organization)
- 1 - 100-20 sub 10 (Int'l Relations)
- 1 - 100-20 sub 17 (Political Activities)

- 1 - 100-5260
- 1 - 100-226
- 1 - 100-4068
- 1 - 100-401
- 1 - 100-955
- 1 - 100-6401
- 1 - 100-3675
- 1 - 100-2315
- 1 - 100-3767
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- 1 - 100-5570 (PRCPP)
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- 1 - 100-3 (NPPR)
- 1 - 100-388
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- 1 - 100-2163 (M. Ayala)
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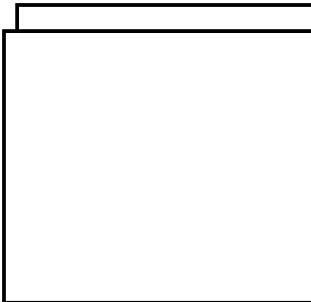
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Subject - PCP Meeting.

Date - 2/5/60, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Place - Caserío Las Casas (Residence of J. B. Pérez)

This meeting was held with the following persons in attendance:



- Interim leader due to absence of Santos.

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* - Informed that his absence last week was due to illness.

** - Please ask me more about it if you want.

Reports

[redacted] informed on the arrival in Puerto Rico of [redacted] President of the news bureau, "Prensa Latina," saying also that he - [redacted] - acting as a reporter on "Radio Tiempo" succeeded in having [redacted] interviewed that same night on "Radio Tiempo."

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Then [redacted] reported on PUEBLO matters and the urgent need for money. Here [redacted] intervened saying that the "compañeros" in New York had made the "arrangements" - financial - to send the Party propaganda equipment worth \$500.00 - recorder, loudspeakers, etc. "The only thing they need," [redacted] added, "is for me to send them a good address to which they can send the equipment where it can be received in good condition, and not tampered with."

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Education

There was read the article, "How is a Communist," by Liu Shao Shi, published in "Principios," a Chilean publication (Volume #64 for December, 1959), then it was agreed to reprint the article in pamphlet form for propaganda purposes.

Finances and Pueblo

[redacted] turned in money for PUEBLO, then [redacted] gave a complete report of all money collected that night; saying that for dues everyone but [redacted] was up to date for the month of February.

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Total funds collected today:	Pueblo	\$ 14.75
	Dues	7.00
	PeaceCouncil	25.00 *
		<u>\$ 46.75</u>

* [] did not report the amount collected for the Peace Council during the week, for the "special mission" to Cuba.

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General

[] displayed a telegram signed by [] which was an invitation to the speech by [] on Saturday, February 6, 1960, at the P. R. Bar Association.

It was agreed that: [] and [] form a committee to represent PUEBLO and greet Mr. [].

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[] stated he would do the same thing in the name of P. R. LIBRE (his newspaper). "Because this comrade is doing important work in all Latin America," [] concluded.

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Informant orally furnished the following information on 2/7/60:

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[] indicated he had missed the previous week's meeting due to illness. [] then appeared to be rather perturbed at him because apparently one of the members, name not mentioned, had seen [] in some section of the city after the last meeting. She made some comment to the effect that he could not have been too sick or it would not have been possible for him to be out and around.

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Subsequent to the PCP meeting, informant was talking to [], at which time [] indicated he thought [] was a fanatic and trouble-maker who could possibly be arrested by the Police at any time. He did not indicate the reason for this statement but stated he had "heard" that [] had some type of firecrackers that could be shot from a sling-shot and would explode on contact. They could be used to put loud-speaker systems out of order at political rallies and thus cause confusion. [] indicated he had seen []

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subsequent to his [redacted] arrival in Puerto Rico on 2/1/60, at which time [redacted] stated he was trying to get in touch with [redacted], NPPR member who has recently been in trouble with the Police and FBI for terrorist-type activities. [redacted] did not state the reason for this contact, but advised that [redacted] father, name not known, is also in Puerto Rico at this time. [redacted] stated that [redacted] attended the MPI Constituent Convention in Ponce, Puerto Rico, 11/22/59, as a delegate of the MLPR from New York, and is still connected with that organization.

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[redacted] indicated he was staying at the residence of [redacted] temporarily until he can find work. Informant believes that [redacted] may be staying in Puerto Rico inasmuch as he indicated he was unable to get work in New York. After he finds a suitable residence, he will communicate with some members of the CP in New York to have the tape recorder and loudspeaker system sent to him for use of the party; however, he needs an address where the equipment will not be bothered by authorities when it arrives.

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[redacted] told informant he had been affiliated with the MLPR in New York but had been "kicked out" of this group. He also stated that he, [redacted] and [redacted] following the advice of SANTOS, had quit the "splinter" CP group to which they had been affiliated, and were now with the main group of the CP, USA. Informant recalled that when [redacted] was in Puerto Rico in November, 1959 for the MPI Convention, SANTOS told him to instruct [redacted] to get out of the POC and go with the main group of the CP. It appeared to informant that SANTOS' instructions had been complied with by the three. [redacted] also mentioned that SANTOS had been successful in alligning 12 Puerto Ricans with the CP, USA during his recent visit in New York. [redacted] did not mention any names of the individuals to whom he referred and informant preferred not to explore the subject further. [redacted] believed SANTOS would be back in Puerto Rico prior to the 2/12/60 PCP meeting.

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During PCP meeting 2/5/60 [redacted] read a letter from captioned individual in Cabo Rojo, stating he was leaving for New York on 2/4/60 on personal business, type not stated. [redacted] enclosed a \$3.00 contribution for "Pueblo" and stated he intended to contact [redacted] and SANTOS while he was in New York. He was apparently unaware that SANTOS had departed from New York for Cuba on 2/1/60. [redacted] indicated he would contact the PCP upon his return from New York.

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At the PCP meeting 2/5/60 captioned individual made no mention of the source of the money for his proposed trip to Cuba. He did mention he was leaving for his trip on behalf of the Peace Council sometime during the coming week, method of transportation not known at this time.

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Informant called attention to the fact that [redacted] referred to [redacted] as "comrade" and for this reason believed that he was possibly connected or had been connected with a CP group in Latin America. [redacted] is from Argentina and connected with Prensa Latina, a news bureau dealing primarily with Latin American releases.

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PUEBLO

Informant has been unable to determine place of printing of this publication. He believes same may be done at plant having offset process at 1324 Las Palmas Street, Santurce, Puerto Rico, Stop 20, telephone number 3-2728.

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Captioned individual resides at [redacted], Hato Rey, and informant believes his concrete mix plant is located in that immediate vicinity.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22011)

DATE: 2-14-60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
WAGENKNECHT SECTION
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On 12/22/59 [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished SA [redacted] information concerning a meeting of the Debs Club, Wagenknecht Section, CP of Illinois, held on the evening of 12/18/59 at the residence of [redacted] Street, Chicago, Illinois. This oral information was subsequently written up in narrative report form and returned to the informant for his approval and signature. The original report will be located in [redacted]

A copy of the statement captioned "Our Tasks in the Immediate Future" is being maintained in 100-18953-1B3 (396).

It is recommended that dead files be opened for [redacted] and [redacted]

- 8 - New York (RM)
 - 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)
 - 1 - 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - ① - 100- (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, New York District ORGANIZATION)
 - 1 - 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS)
 - 1 - 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH)
 - 1 - 100-109560 [redacted]
- 30 - Chicago
 - 1 - 100-14098 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)

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1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - 100-12789 (GERALDYN LIGHTFOOT)
1 - 100-35807
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1 - 100-3338
1 - 100-12822
1 - 100-17828
1 - 100-34874
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1 - 100-18953 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-18952 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - MEMBERSHIP)
1 - 100-19431 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1 - 100-18209 (CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
1 - 100-32864 (COUNTER INTELLIGENCE)
1 - 100-33731 (CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - 100-33740 (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
1 - 100-33756 (CP, USA - STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1 - 100-33741 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-25191 (ICFP)
1 - 100-18393 (COMINFIL RR INDUSTRY)
1 - 100-14644 ("THE WORKER")
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Chicago, Illinois
12/22/59

On the evening of December 18, 1959 a meeting of the Debs Club, Wagenknecht Section, CP of Illinois, was held at the residence of [redacted] Street, Chicago, Illinois. The following were in attendance:

[redacted]
[redacted]

SAM KUSHNER

[redacted]

[redacted] chaired the meeting.

The group discussed the Railroad Newsletter and planned to have the first edition out sometime in January.

The group discussed "The Worker" drive. It was agreed that a Worker Committee be set up in order for this committee to contact present members of the club in order that they renew their subscriptions. A committee composed of [redacted] was appointed.

Report by SAM KUSHNER

SAM pointed out that there will be a Railroad Conference held here in Chicago possibly some time in the latter part of January. He said that possibly 15 to 20 key people will be involved. He suggested that at least 5 delegates be appointed from the Chicago Railroad Club. He said that the Conference will have a two point agenda; (1) the present railroad crisis, and (2) implementation on the trade union resolution.

The question was raised as to whether the Second State Convention may possibly also be held at the same time as this Conference. However, SAM believed that the two affairs will be held on two separate weekends.

SAM said that the National Convention convened for four days with nine sessions. He said that the hottest debate at the Convention was in regard to the Negro question. He said that the Convention finally voted 84 to 20 to drop the slogan of "Self Determination". He said that GUS HALL gave the keynote speech since DENNIS was not able to attend the Convention. HALL reported that DENNIS' whole left side was paralyzed and that this happened to DENNIS after his appearance before the Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, D.C. SAM said there will be a Midwest edition of "The Worker" within four months. He said that the Convention felt that the "Daily Worker" will again be published within a year.

Regarding the Party, SAM said that it was pointed out that the Party had reached its lowest ebb of membership and activity in January, 1958. He said that now the membership is well above 10,000 and continuing to gain old members and function at a much better pace. SAM said that GUS HALL recommended that the Party membership be doubled by the time of the 18th National Convention. He said that the Convention also pledged as an immediate goal, a 10% increase in membership by May 1, 1960.

He reported that the National Committee has agreed to meet only twice a year. He said that the Convention also established four regions within the United States, namely eastern, southern, midwest, and west. He said that there will be regional meetings six times a year.

SAM reported that the following proposals were made at the Convention:

- (1) that 15 delegates be elected as members of the National Committee at Large.
- (2) that 25 members of the National Committee be elected from the districts.

In this discussion KUSHNER said that the Convention found that they were leaving out a number of young comrades and Negro women comrades whereupon the Convention decided to

increase the National Committee membership for more representation. He said that previously the Illinois District had only four members, however, under the new set up the Illinois District will have six while the New York District will have eight.

SAM reported that the following delegates from the Illinois District were elected as members of the National Committee:

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

[redacted]

FLO HALL

SAM KUSHNER

GERALDYNE LIGHTFOOT

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Discussion then was had regarding [redacted] presence at the National Convention. It was stated that BEN DAVIS not anybody else knew anything about the telegram sent to [redacted] however, [redacted] was allowed to sit in the Convention as a visitor. [redacted] was also allowed to sit in with POTASH, [redacted] and SAM KUSHNER and discuss the forthcoming Railroad Conference.

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[redacted] sold approximately \$2.40 worth of literature at this meeting.

[redacted] paid dues.

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Since [redacted] had to leave for work, [redacted] chaired the latter part of the meeting. At this time discussion was had regarding possible recruits for the club. The names of [redacted] [redacted] second floor, and [redacted] [redacted] (Chicago), were listed on the agenda prepared by BOONE as possible recruits.

After the meeting SAM KUSHNER was overheard telling [redacted] that he should contact [redacted] in the hopes of straightening him out.

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[] made available to some of the members of the club a statement captioned "Our Tasks in the Immediate Future". This statement is a program of work for the Wagenknecht Section within the coming months.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-83) DATE: 2/11/60
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-89691)
SUBJECT: CP USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES
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Re NY airtel to Bureau, dated 1/30/60, captioned
"CP USA - NYD - YOUTH MATTER".

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS
INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED AND SENSITIVE
INFORMANT.

On 1/29/60, NY 2359-S* advised that on the evening
of the above date a meeting was held in the third floor
board room, CP Headquarters, NYC. Among those in attendance
were: HY LUMER, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, BEN DAVIS, JR. [redacted]

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[redacted] and others. According to the informant, the meeting
concerned itself with the Party's position regarding testifying
before the various Congressional committees.

The following are the highlights and most important
statements made at the above meeting as reported by NY 2359-S*:

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-83) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-80644) (CP USA - YOUTH MATTERS) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-128804) (CP USA - NYD - YOUTH MATTERS) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-95550) (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-134505) (WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL) (#41)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS, JR.) (#415)
- 1 - New York (105-24891) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-10159) (ACLU)
- 1 - New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-133451) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-126741) [redacted] (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-47572) [redacted]
- 1 - New York (100-80638) (CP USA - MEMBERSHIP) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-129802) (CP USA - COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (#415)
- 1 - New York (100-115609) (HCUA, ACTIVITIES CONCERNING)
- 1 - New York (100-89691)

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Remarks of HY LUMER: To open it up, let me explain what the Party's policy is The policy would be based on the idea of non-co-operation with the committee. The committee tries to make witnesses into stool pigeons on threat of going to jail The policy of invoking the First and Fifth Amendments . . . I am not going to attempt to go into a detailed discussion. First of all there is a definite reason for the Eastland Committee The other aspect is the reaction of the committee. They (try) to make it as something shameful and an act of cowardice. The idea of not answering questions does not mean that we do not attempt in many ways to challenge the committee. . . One way is to have a prepared statement. The question asked by the committee can be challenged , . . .

Bear in mind that in a committee room you are not on your own grounds. You are on grounds chosen by the enemy with rules made by them. . . In adopting this policy there is room for flexibility. It is not just a question of your giving your name and address and then refuse to answer anything. The idea is . . . refuse to answer all questions regarding membership or organizational affiliation and general questions about do you know so and so

You can take all the time you want to consult with your attorney. This is the general line we have followed, this includes all questions as to your own membership or nonmembership. There is a policy which is opposed to dealing with these questions on the basis of the First Amendment. Do not answer anything . . . to do with organizational affiliations. If there are exceptions to this, it is rare. I am always asked did you work for the "UE" and I always refuse to answer. Don't answer questions of a type which will open you up to answering other questions Tell them what formal but not what general education you have had. There is a certain flexibility there. Once you have answered questions in an affirmative way, in a particular area, then you have waived the right to use the "5th" in that area.

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Remarks of BILL ALBERTSON: Just like . . . if you answer
"Are you a member of the
Communist Party?" If you say yes, I am, then you have to
answer all the questions such as who is on the National
Committee, who is on the State Committee, you have opened
up the area . . .

Remarks of an Individual Believed to be PAUL ROBESON, JR.:
There are exceptions where you can say logically
I know JOE BLOW but on MARY JONES, I refuse to answer.
There is a gray area

Informant advised that an unidentified individual
then inquired as to what type of questions

Remarks of HY LUMER: You answer questions of that type
for one reason, because you cannot
refuse to answer them on the grounds of self-incrimination
. . . . You have to work it out with your lawyer.

Remarks of an Individual Believed to be PAUL ROBESON, JR.:
If you want to make a political point . . . the question
is: Are you a member of the Festival Committee and I stall
awhile . . . did you know MARY JONES and then I refuse to
answer.

Informant advised that HY LUMER then interrupted
and commented then you are in a gray area. On the stand
you are not in a position where you control the situation
. . . . You can answer freely questions about you personal
opinions. You are not likely to be asked that kind of
question.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS, JR.: — Everybody makes up his own mind
. . . . questions of opinion.
It is here where the political estimate of struggle comes
up and here you make the most of it You have to
figure ways in which to do it This becomes a very
limited but a very useful weapon

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Remarks of an Individual Believed to be [REDACTED]

I raise it in light of the 17th Convention's resolution.

. . . I just want to outline my thinking. The committee represents activation of the most reactionary elements. In its job, it has the support of the capitalist press, certainly monopoly capital . . . The struggle against this is part of the class struggle. . . This policy of reliance on the 5th (Amendment?) has (existed) for a long time. I do not think that this policy has succeeded in convincing the mass of the people that this committee is its enemy

. . . . The First Amendment protects the individual. I think this would undermine their authority . . . but it would bring names forward and expose them . . . That is what they want to do - bring the names out. This I discussed with a lawyer tonight. It is the ACLU's opinion it is a valid attack I am just putting this forth . . . I am not suggesting what any individual should do I am personally interested in carrying on an attack against the committee. I do not think it would hurt him personally

. . . . As a result of our trip to Washington and seeing people, we have seen support for carrying on our struggles against the committee and an approach that directly challenges the committee.

Remarks of FY LUMER: None of us can commit ourselves now . . .

Remarks of an Unknown Male: I know that we cannot change policy. I accept one reason for the current policy and that is to defend ourselves; not allow ourselves to be put in a position that we may be put in jail. not enough of us to allow some of us to go to jail We have to defend the right to defend ourselves. As to defending ourselves, we do not recognize the right of the committee . . . answer. as many questions as we can answer that does not put us in that position

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That contradicts the idea that the committee has no right to ask you questions but it gives us an opportunity before a gallery of people to challenge the committee . . . To be consistent, we would have to refuse to answer all questions.

Now for the main reason to use the Fifth Amendment to is . . . the general defensive policy I think it is recognized. The editor of the Post in Washington in an editorial . . . he asked me what we're going to do and I said we were not going to cooperate with the committee. He said he would help us . . maybe have a reporter on hand. He says once you plead the Fifth Amendment no one pays any attention to you anymore. He says the committee wants you to take it. He says the Fifth (Amendment) keeps you out of jail but that when you use it, you lose the battle for public opinion.

I spoke to PATTERSON. His feeling was first that it must be the policy of the Party . . . that the committee . . not unconstitutional but the procedure of the committee is unconstitutional.

Remarks of Unknown Male: We do not want to be a party to their unconstitutionality We want to take the offensive, to show we have nothing to hide . . short of naming names . . . The Fifth Amendment is associated with guilt I could follow the Fifth Amendment and it would not hurt me . . . maybe this would not be so for another person.

Remarks of Unknown Male: I think using the Fifth Amendment indicates that you have something to hide. I would like to be in a situation to do what [] [] proposes to do

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Remarks of Unknown Female Believed to be [redacted]
Congress tried very hard to pass an immunity bill
I question whether the step should be taken now by [redacted]
[redacted] the reasons [redacted] gave were personal ones
Originally I thought we should answer as many questions as possible. Now I have revised my position.

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Remarks of Unknown Male: Time and time again witnesses would give reasons for not answering questions. This was in 1952 when the attack was at its height. I disagree with [redacted] that it is only a question of self-defense Remember it is protection for people in the future. I also do not think that the reason the Fifth Amendment is discouraged in the eyes of the people is the total reason why we should attempt to find a new policy We have to defend the right to use it for everybody I think [redacted] is correct when she says the committee is on the run We also believe that the First Amendment is a valid thing to use I think there is a potential for tremendous public campaign Legally, the ACLU is interested in it It requires a most serious consideration I also think that [redacted] proposal is correct and is something which should be followed through.

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There is another reason why I would like to take the First rather than the Fifth Amendment. Many universities are much more willing to hire someone who has taken the First rather than the Fifth Amendment The ACLU will defend us no matter what we do We should in every way we can struggle for civil rights. One way is by defending the use of the First Amendment.

Informant advised that the speaker was interrupted and asked why he would use the First Amendment. The unidentified individual replied that he would use the First Amendment because the committee has no right (to inquire?) into my political beliefs.

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BILL ALBERSTON: I just glanced through the two resolutions. I think I remember what happened at the convention. A motion was made for a review of Amendments.... [redacted] made a motion for the Party to review the question of legality.... I think the question [redacted] raised, that is that [redacted] would be doing exactly what the Committee wants. That is to tie the Festival up with the Communist Party. That would be just playing their game.... Some comrades have said, look at PAT (possibly PATTERSON), he never took the First or Fifth Amendment. But PAT was on the offensive the moment he took the stand.... When they asked PATTERSON about his membership in the Communist Party he turned the tables on them.... I think it is wrong to answer on our own opinions. I would not answer unless I could take the offensive unless I could bring out the Party's line. One of the most important things is not to help the Committee thinking it has a right to go into a person's thinking.... The use of the Fifth Amendment protects your right to use the First Amendment. [redacted] used no Amendment whatsoever but you have to consider in some employments the use of the Amendments might lose your job for you. [redacted] refused to answer on conscious.... If you answered questions with truth, you might be playing into the Committee's hands by letting them show Festival... Communist dominated....

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BEN DAVIS, Jr.: I propose we consider this right away.... The Party taking a position.... There has to be some sort of unity of substance... but also because we now have a policy that is valid. The Fifth Amendment is a vital part of the Constitution....

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PAUL ROBESON, Jr.: I don't think we want to start from the abstract principle... The enemy controls the battleground... You have to examine the tactics involved... after we are all in jail or involved in court cases, what mass work would we be doing? Communist used the Fifth Amendment to make all kinds of tests against the Committees. Their use of it offensively made it a big public issue. The problem comes down to fighting against the Committee... Everyone gives his name and address and answers nothing else. That is a defense and is one alternative. The other alternative when you start carrying out an offensive which involves risks... If you are going to make a political point, it seems to me you have to be prepared to answer certain questions of your own choosing... I would indicate something along those lines. It means discussing with the lawyers what kind of questions are eliminated and what kind of questions are possibilities... I would be for this kind of approach for the Fifth (Amendment). There is a lot of legal disagreement as to where to draw the line.

HY LUMER: I do not think it is possible to discuss this question any further tonight. As BEN (DAVIS) pointed out, we would have to go on the basis of existing policy. I want to say that in my presentation I had no intention of using the Fifth (Amendment) as purely a defensive (measure?)... Historically, the importance of that Amendment lay mostly in relation of political persecutions... The use of it carries no presumption of guilt... When we speak of protection, we do not use the argument that one person is less vulnerable than another. We challenge the right of the Committee to ask these questions...

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Unknown Male: I do not question the validity of the current policy. I do not think it is the most effective policy.... I would like further discussion to take place. I am not in agreement with the arguments used against the position I outlined.

The informant advised that there was further comments made as to the possibility of another meeting on this subject.

BILL ALBERSTON: Get this in your mind. The policy is not going to be changed before the hearings. If you want to discuss something else okay, otherwise you are wasting your time.

[REDACTED] I also want a lawyer.

BILL ALBERTSON: You do not need a lawyer here. This is the Party.

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[REDACTED] But what will the lawyer know if he is not here?

BILL ALBERTSON: If you want to discuss how to carry out policies I am available. We could also get a hold of BEN (DAVIS?).

The informant advised that the meeting was concluded at this point but no definite decision was made as to further discussion.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-43850)

DATE: 2/12/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL ORGANIZING
COMMITTEE FOR A MARXIST-
LENINIST COMMUNIST PARTY (POC)
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On 1/25/60, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA [redacted] of the following. This information was dictated on 1/28/60 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 1/29/60, and was then read and initialed by the Informant on 2/5/60. It is maintained in [redacted]

"Philadelphia, Pa.
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"On 1/24/60, [redacted] was observed to meet with [redacted] at ALLEN's residence, 844 North Uber Street, ALLEN

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- 4 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - 100-136078 (POC)
 - 1 - 100-80638 (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-13336 [redacted]
- 2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - (POC)
 - 1 - (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)
- 10 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-43850
 - 1 - 100-33999
 - 1 - 100-2445
 - 1 - 100-37572
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"stated that the POC in Philadelphia was just reorganized. [] was made the Chairman. [] was made the Organizational Secretary. His duties would be to collect dues, sustaining funds and to raise money. [] was made the Educational Director. [] was continued as Youth Director. [] was continued as the Chairman of the Marxist-Leninist Vanguard. [] was placed in charge of Housing. The old Philadelphia Executive Committee and Philadelphia Steering Committee were eliminated and the above officers now compose the Philadelphia Executive Committee. A strict rule has been laid down that members assigned to one committee are not to interfere in the affairs of any other committee.

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[] will be the only member who is permitted to meet with other committees. [] and [] have expressed opposition to this policy; however, the policy will remain. A new national drive for members, funds and Vanguard subscriptions will be started on 3/1/60. Quotas have been set very low so that they will be able to be fulfilled. The national quota for new members has been set at 80. Philadelphia has been assigned a fund quota of \$60.00 per month. [] asked [] about information regarding the individuals who had contributed money to the POC through [] informed [] that [] had contacted all these individuals informing them of his break with the POC and instructing them to donate nothing further to the POC, so that [] did not believe contacting these individuals would be worthwhile. [] stated the only thing doing in the Philadelphia POC right now is that they are planning for the conference of the National Negro and Colonial Commission on 1/30/60. [] advised that a bright spot in the POC picture was that a number of workers in the Northern California Section of the CP had been expelled right after the National Convention of the CP because they had supported a West Coast Longshoremen's strike after CP officials had ordered them to discontinue this support. Some of these workers came to New York at the time of the CP National Convention and talked to a CP National Officer who informed them that they were wrong

"and could not bring up their grievances at the Convention. This group ran into [redacted] in New York who took them to see [redacted] explained POC policies and they agreed that POC policies were correct. The group decided to return to San Francisco and attempt to start a new organization. The POC feels that they have a good chance of recruiting these individuals into the POC. If they follow the POC line in the new organization they set up, the POC will work with this group and may turn over the Eureka, Calif., group to them. Someone from the POC will make a trip to California this spring to follow up on this group. [redacted] stated that this group had been the Industrial Section of the CP around San Francisco, however, did include part of the San Francisco waterfront CP. [redacted] expressed the opinion that it looked very good for the whole group to go into the POC. [redacted] informed [redacted] that [redacted] had decided in order to protect the job of [redacted] in view of the possibility that [redacted] and [redacted] might be stool pigeons it would be announced that [redacted] had dropped out of the POC. This announcement would be made at the POC meeting 1/26/60. [redacted] would meet with [redacted] every other Thursday night. The first of these meetings would be 2/4/60. At these meetings, [redacted] would brief [redacted] on the POC situation and they would then discuss the waterfront situation. [redacted] also advised [redacted] that [redacted] instructed that [redacted] work with [redacted] for the time being in order to keep the POC informed of [redacted] activities so that they can take action to prevent any further loss of members to [redacted]

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-25239)

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[redacted] advised on 2/16/60 that following the 2/4/60 County Committee CP meeting in a conversation with MICKEY LIMA, LIMA stated that they were adopting the resolution of the National Convention on recruiting and that they hoped to recruit a 10% gain by May Day. Their drive will be conducted from 2/1/60 to 5/1/60 and they hoped that they could take some of these new members into the Party at a big May Day meeting. LIMA stated that there would be both personal and club quotas and that their big targets would be the youth and the Negroes, and they would also concentrate on the "sound elements that have left the CP in the past for one reason or another."

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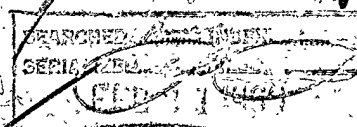
LIMA stated that since the National Convention 124 members have been recruited back into the CP in the New York area, most of whom left the Party because of factionalism.

Previously, on 2/10/60, [redacted] had reported that at the same County Committee meeting of the CP, [redacted] had reported that as a representative of the "PW" he had gone to San Diego, California, and that they held a meeting there regarding the "PW" drive and that as a result of his visit the first club meeting of the Party in over a year was held and at that particular meeting in San Diego they recruited one new member and the club agreed to become active again and engage in a regular program for the "PW" and to again "enter the stream of Party life."

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- 3 - Bureau (AM REG.)
- ① - New York (AM REG.)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 2/25/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S*, on February 22, 1960, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, a one-page, mimeographed letter dated February 11, 1960, addressed "To All Districts", and signed "Phil Bart, National Organization Sec'y".

Among other things, this letter suggests that meetings at various levels be held to consider:

"a) The mass features of Party work today in the development of the 1960 election campaign and more specifically around legislative issues now before Congress. The national organization is now working on such a legislative program.

"b) That around these activities, and as part of the press campaign, steps be taken to build the Party...

"d) That readmission of former members of the Party be considered as part of the drive to increase the membership although such members are not new...

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- ⑥ - New York (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80636) (CP-USA, Legislative Activities)
 - ~~(1 - 100-80638) (CP-USA, Membership)~~
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-81675) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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"e) That the pamphlet by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn be utilized more widely...

"f) That in the course of Party-building attention be given to such areas and cities where Party clubs no longer exist and can be revitalized or re-organized in the course of this campaign."

One photostat copy of this item is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (133).

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AIRMAIL-REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-20)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-27791)

RE: CP, USA, FACTIONALISM
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SF 1047-S* on 2/12/60 reported that on that date the Northern California District CP held a special meeting concerning the local factionalism problem, at which members of the CP Northern California District Committee and the San Francisco County CP Committee attended. SF 1047-S* also reported that CLARENCE HATHAWAY, New York CP Functionary, was in attendance at this meeting and spoke on the factional problem. The pertinent portions of HATHAWAY's speech are reported below:

HATHAWAY stated he was called to New York and spent a week there, in which they dealt with the factional question and it is with this point of view that he wanted to discuss the local situation. HATHAWAY emphasized that the important thing to recognize is that the factional problem was not limited to the Northern California District, but that every District in the country, without exception, was in exactly the same position and confronted with the same struggle in this regard.

HATHAWAY stated that the approach to the 10th National Convention and the 10th National Convention itself found the whole central leadership of the Party broken into groups of two and three or four persons, each of which began to give leadership

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 - 2 - New York (AM-REG)
 - (1 - CP Factionalism)
 - (1 - CP Membership)
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 - 1 - SF 100-27791
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 - 1 - SF 100-45043 (HATHAWAY)
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to the factional groups throughout the country. HATHAWAY stated that the factions which they witnessed here in California had their origin in the leadership and were inspired and organized by the leadership. He stated that in the entire period right up to the 17th National Convention they had various factions operating in the Party. He stated that it was only in October, 1959, that they began trying to work out a new positive program, such as was expressed at the Convention.

HATHAWAY stated that the results of the 17th Convention and the achievements made are well known. He stated that bringing GUS HALL in as General Secretary and setting up a new Secretariat was a clear declaration that factionalism had to be overcome within the Party in order to enable the Party to get off the ground and move forward.

HATHAWAY stated that one of the problems that had to be tackled was the New York District. To illustrate how curious the problem was there, he cited that during the period leading up to the 16th Convention and until the 17th Convention, the New York organization membership dropped from 6,000 to 2,000 members. He stated that those who left the Party were not all revisionists but were in the main people who left the Party because of disgust, discouragement and related factors arising from the lack of a clear line in the "Center" (National Office.)

HATHAWAY stated that when he went to New York the discussion lasted three solid days to hammer out the one question of liquidating the factions in the New York District and to lay the basis for a unified party in which everybody would accept the policies and collective leadership of the National Center. He stated that out of these discussions came a parallel examination of the situation in Jersey, Connecticut, Philadelphia, and everywhere else. It was in that spirit that the discussions took place, because it was recognized that the two situations were indirectly related and that factionalism would have to be liquidated everywhere because to let it continue in one place would defeat the program in other Districts. The feeling of the National Secretary is that we have to proceed everywhere right down the line in all Districts.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)

DATE: 3/2/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: CP - ORGANIZATION

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On January 26, 1960, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available through a blind post office box, a handwritten report dated January 23, 1960. This report was made available to SA [redacted] and pertains to the combined meeting of the Hyde Park and South Side Sections of the Illinois Communist Party (CP) on January 22, 1960, at the residence of LESTER DAVIS. The report is retained as serial [redacted]

- 3 - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100- (CP - ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - 100- (CP - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES)
 - (1 - 100- (CP - MEMBERSHIP)

- 29- Chicago [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-22007 (CP - SOUTH SIDE SECTION)
 - 1 - 100-17623 (CP - HYDE PARK SECTION)
 - 1 - 100-19491 (CP - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES)
 - 1 - 100-18209 (CP - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
 - 1 - 100-18952 (CP - MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - 100-21073 (LESTER DAVIS)
 - 1 - 100-12890 (EARL DURHAM)
 - 1 - 100-14644 ("THE WORKER")
 - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - 1 - 100-17376 [redacted]
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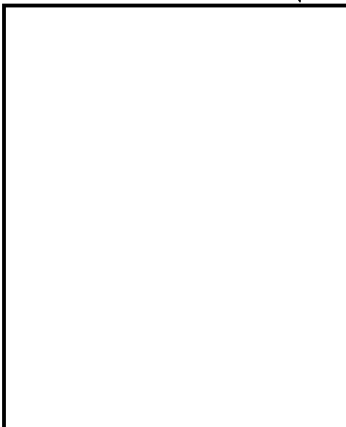
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The purpose of this combined party meeting was to enable members of the two mentioned CP sections to hear a report by EARL DURHAM and DAVIS on recent Seventeenth National Convention of the CP held in New York City, New York. DURHAM handled most of the report, with a few comments made by DAVIS. DURHAM's report covered highlights only of the convention, reflecting the total estimated party membership at 10,000, the number of accredited delegates at the convention at 134, coming from almost every state in the union. DURHAM noted that with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT now occupying the position of vice-chairman of the party on a national level, he will be required to do considerable traveling, especially in the midwest and consequently will not be able to participate as much in local party affairs as before.

DURHAM reported that emphasis at the convention was placed on the peace issue, the Negro question and party unity, noting that the party would no longer tolerate factionalism within its ranks. It is also hoped that in 1960, the "Daily Worker" might again be published. In response to a question, DURHAM stated that there was not much discussion on "The Worker" at the convention, other than to the extent of a recommendation that circulation be increased and noted that the reason for this lack of discussion was that after all "The Worker" is not a party organ as such, but is a separate organization. The goal of the party is to increase party membership within the next year, however, no effort will be put forth to bring back into the party the faction which split off and formed another group within the past two years. Effort will be concentrated on bringing back into the party those who have dropped away for reasons other than factional.

The question period after DURHAM's comments was of a mild nature and most questions were readily answered by either DURHAM or DAVIS. One question recalled from a woman believed to be from the Hyde Park Section was whether or not the Hungarian question was raised at the convention and DURHAM answered to the effect that this particular issue was not mentioned once

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during the entire convention proceedings.

Persons present at this affair were as follows:

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[REDACTED], all from Hyde Park

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It is believed that there were three other white women present from the Hyde Park Section, whose identities were not known.

Those present from the South Side Section were as follows:

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EARL DURHAM
LESTER DAVIS

This entire meeting proceeded very smoothly, however, it was learned that after the meeting ended, DURHAM, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had a brief get together to discuss what action to take with regard to the situation within the South Side Section involving LESTER DAVIS and his maneuvering in connection with the forthcoming South Side Section Convention Elections. All who are aware of the situation are somewhat disgusted with these maneuverings.

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In an effort to attempt to determine the identities of the three white women referred to above, numerous photographs were displayed to the informant on February 15, 1960. These photographs were of individuals considered possibly in attendance because of past activity within the Hyde Park CP Section and reported by other sources at this affair as having been in attendance. The informant at this time identified a photograph of [redacted] as one of these women and tentatively identified [redacted] as being another. The informant was not sufficiently sure of this identification to be positive and if this information is utilized, it should be noted as such. Because of the number of persons present at this meeting, the informant could not recall sufficiently identifying details regarding the third female unknown subject to furnish an accurate physical description, consequently no further effort will be made to determine the identity of this person.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

DATE: 3/3/60

FROM : SA (#415)SUBJECT: CP USA - MEMBERSHIP
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE ABOVE INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED AND SENSITIVE INFORMANT.

On 2/19/60, NY 2745-S* advised that on above date an informal discussion was held in the office of PHIL BART at CP Headquarters, NYC. In attendance were PHIL BART, JACK STACHEL, HY LUMER and BILL ALBERTSON.

According to the informant, the discussion was brief and pertained to whether or not an organizational secretary should maintain some sort of books for receipts, etc.

PHIL BART commented that when an individual is going to join the Party he believes that they want some kind of a card. ALBERTSON commented that they ought to have the signature of a person. BART noted that when people write in they fill in their own forms but when people come to the office there is a need for some kind of a form to be filled out.

HY LUMER expressed the opinion that some people may not wish to sign BILL ALBERTSON expressed the opinion that the kind of recruiting we are doing now, outside of old members coming back, is one in which the person is convinced that he wants to join the Party . . . so why do we want more . . . if we use application blanks that is a broader kind of recruitment. ALBERTSON further commented that 90 per cent of the people who walk into the office and want to join (the Party?) are phonies Informant advised that there was some brief further comments concerning the above but this information was not available to the informant.

1 - NY (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (#415)
1 - NY (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (#415)
1 - NY (100-105078) (HY LUMER)
1 - NY (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (#414)
1 - NY (100-80641) (CP USA - ORGANIZATION)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK(100-80638)(415)

DATE: 3/11/60

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: CPUSA - Membership

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Since 4/15/57, this building has been occupied by the New York State and National Offices of the Communist Party, USA. The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Since June, 1958, space in this building has been occupied by Publishers New Press, Inc., publisher of "The Worker", East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to re-contact the source regarding information furnished.

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Information received on 2/15/60 by SA [redacted]
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- () No copy of the exhibit or this letter is being retained by the NYO.

Description of exhibit: Mimeographed letter dated 2/11/60 from PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary addressed "To All Districts" on the 1960 Party Building and Press & Circulation Drive.

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February 11, 1960

TO ALL DISTRICTS

Dear Comrades:

This is a follow up to our letter of January 20th on the 1960 Party Building and Press & Circulation Drive. In that letter we dealt with the decision of the national convention "to further consolidate the Party organization and increase its membership."

We have received communications from some districts and have further discussed this matter in the Organization Bureau. We considered a number of suggestions which I will indicate here briefly:

1) The campaign to build the Party is naturally of a public character. However, unlike previous years we do not propose to publish goals for districts or indicate the standing of each area. We propose rather that the Party public campaign be of an ideological character in the form of material in the press and through other publications, indicating the need and the possibility of consolidating our Party and increasing its membership; that we request district leaders and others to write such articles based upon the results in their districts. Where possible, brief articles, statements or letters should be obtained from individuals on why they joined the Party. Such material will stimulate the whole Party-building campaign.

2) That meetings in districts, either on a state, city, section or club level be utilized to follow up the original discussion which took place at the second sessions of the conventions or at local conferences and meetings. That these meetings consider:

a) The mass features of Party work today in the development of the 1960 election campaign and more specifically around legislative issues now before Congress. The national organization is now working on such a legislative program.

b) That around these activities, and as part of the press campaign, steps be taken to build the Party. A few reports have already been sent us on the response to Party building in the course of press activities.

c) That such discussions take place prior to the National Committee meeting and be embodied in the discussion at the meeting.

d) That readmission of former members of the Party be considered as part of the drive to increase the membership although such members are not new.

e) That the pamphlet by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn be utilized more widely. There are many more available for that purpose.

f) That in the course of Party-building attention be given to such areas and cities where Party clubs no longer exist and can be revitalized or re-organized in the course of this campaign.

These are some of the points which we have considered and we would appreciate hearing further from you on additional suggestions and experiences in the first period of the campaign.

It is our opinion that publication of material in the press can be of considerable help in stimulating the drive and improving the character of Party-building now. Such articles would lend themselves to greater elaboration on the problems facing us, as well as the advantages that exist in the present political situation and as a result we can strengthen the Party in the spirit of the decisions made by the 17th National Convention.

We look forward to hearing from you on this.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

National Organization Sec'y

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Brief description of activity or material
CP Meeting

(Report had to be returned to informant for corrections)

- Remarks:
- 1 - Chicago (RM) (1-100-24729-Emanuel Blum)
 - 1 - Detroit (RM) (1-100-Cominfil, UAW)
 - 1 - Cleveland (RM) (1-100-Gus Hall)
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On 1/8/60 a meeting of the South Bend Communist Party was held at the residence of [redacted] Street, South Bend, Indiana. The following individuals were present at this meeting:



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First item on the agenda was the collection of Communist Party dues. The following individuals paid dues to Boorda:

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[redacted] is not working and he may not have paid any CP dues.

[redacted] stated that the Holiday Bar, 1932 Prairie Avenue, was advertised in Advertising in the paper published by Studebaker Local 5, UAW-CIO-AFL, that it welcomed union members to come to the bar. Smith stated however, that this bar actually discriminated against Negro union members and asked if something could be done about this.

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[redacted] suggested that two or three white persons and a couple of Negroes should get together and go to the bar in an effort to get served. They should explain to the barkeeper that in Indiana there was no discrimination because of race or color. These people should suggest that if discrimination is encountered at the Holiday Bar that they would have to go before the union membership to mention this

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and explain that the bar could not advertise in the union paper. It should also be pointed out that the UAW, AFL-CIO does not discriminate against Negroes.

[redacted] suggested that this matter be put aside for the next meeting so that he could make a report on the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA. Bennett had with him a notebook and some literature which he read. [redacted] said that Emanuel Blum, head of the CP in Indiana, and he were the delegates to the 17th National Convention from Indiana. [redacted] said that he thought that the Communist Party was going to advance in the future because that Gus Hall had been elected as National Secretary of the CP. [redacted] said that he had known Gus Hall since 1930 and pointed out that Hall was a friend of the working man. He said that Gus Hall had helped to organize the Steel Unions in Indiana and in Illinois. He had also talked in South Bend on different occasions during the 1930's.

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[redacted] continued that the convention had wanted [redacted] to take the job as Indiana Organizer for the Communist Party but [redacted] said that he did not want to run against Manny Blum. [redacted] said that he had better luck this time at the Bendix Aviation Corporation where he was employed. He said at the last CP convention that he had attended he was on sick leave and he had been told that he had worked a fraud because of the sick benefits he received. [redacted] said that this time he asked for leave and that the Bendix authorities only asked him what he was going to do. [redacted] told them that he had some personal business to attend to. [redacted] said that everyone had read about the National Convention of the Party in "The Worker" and that he was reporting on the participation of Indiana in the convention. He said that the 17th National Convention was the biggest convention of the Party's history and would go down in history as one of the most successful. [redacted] said that almost everything was discussed at the convention but that the main things were the cold war, peace, civil rights, and labor. He said that also discussed at the convention were plans to help the workers in the shop and how to obtain additional subscriptions for "The Worker". He said also that the Party was making plans to double its membership during 1960.

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[] stated that the Party members were going to have to talk to the workers in the shop and give them examples that whatever is done the advances belong to the workers and not to the big bosses. The Party members must explain the difference between capitalism and socialism. [] took up an ash tray and took off his ring and asked which article had more value. [] said that the ring had more value. [] asked why. [] said because it took longer to make the ring than the ash tray and that it therefore, has more labor value. [] said that that is the way it is on a car or any article. The value is determined by the value of the labor that went into making it. He gave an example of the steel mills. There was labor involved in mining the ore, labor involved to take the ore to the steel mills and labor involved in smelting the steel. He said that since labor was completely responsible for production that everything should belong to the working man and not to the big bosses. He said that the big bosses put in new machinery and introduced automation and as the result of this got more profits from the workers than ever before. [] said that "We" have the right to fight for part of the profit that the bosses make. Socialist countries like the Soviet Union the labor gets the profit because the Government takes it but gives it back to the workers in different ways, such as, better housing, schools, education and so on. [] said that that proves that everything belongs to labor. [] asked if the big bosses went out and earned the money that he invested in his factories or inherited from his father or family. [] said that that no the big bosses got this money for nothing and did not obtain it from something he had done to earn it. [] said that he could go on like this on just about everything and it would prove actually that everything belongs to labor rather than to the bosses.

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[] said that the Negro people actually had a bigger fight for their rights than the working man. He said that the majority of the Party members are Negroes where they have to fight not only for civil rights but for the position where they have to make a decision whether they want their own nation or whether they want to integrate with the whites. [] said that originally the Negro people were brought to the United States as slaves and that they were nobody. He said that today they are not a nation but are

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spread throughout the United States. Their language is English that originally came from the country of Great Britain. He said that the beginning of the Civil War in the United States was caused by a Negro who fired the first gun.

At this point, [] said that it was getting late.

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[] said that it was getting late and that the group should have meetings more often. He felt that the Negro problem should be particularly discussed. At this point he sold copies of the December, 1959, issue of "Political Affairs" for thirtyfive cents each. Each person at the meeting bought a copy.

After the meeting adjourned, [] told [] that since Steve Huggyik died he had a problem in that everybody was after the money of the Hungarian Club, Incorporated. [] stated that he had a hard time getting the Savings Bank Book from Huggyik's family which belonged the Hungarian Club. [] stated that he had a notion to turn all the matters over to the lawyer and let him handle everything. [] advised [] that he should stick to it and he would come over someday and that the two individuals could discuss the matter.

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[] promised Horvath that he would visit him in the shop someday inasmuch as both of these individuals work in the same building at the Studebaker-Packard Corporation.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-22023)

DATE: 3/23/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY OF ILLINOIS
12th Congressional Section
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Informant: [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

Activity: Joint Section Convention, 12th and 13th Congressional Sections, CP of Illinois

- 5 - New York
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA - 17th National Convention)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA - Organization)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA - Negro Matters)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA - New York District Organization)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA - Membership)

36 - Chicago

- [redacted]
- 1 - 100-36238 (13th Congressional Section, CP of Illinois)
- 1 - 100-23678 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-21654 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-2748 (SAM KUSHNER)
- 1 - 100-15138 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-20277 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-34253 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-15159 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-19371 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-31813 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-22042 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-21257 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-21119 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-25659 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-29411 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-34426 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-33932 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-19940 [redacted]
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1 - 100-1364 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-15874 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-37008 (UNSUB, white male)
1 - 100-33936 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-16497 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-27996 [REDACTED]
1 - 100-20289 [REDACTED]
1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - 100-12459 (FLO HALL)
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1 - 100-18953 (CP OF ILLINOIS - ORGANIZATION)
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Date furnished: January 20, 1960 to SA [redacted]

Date of Activity: January 19, 1960

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January 20, 1960
Chicago, Illinois

On January 19, 1960, the 12th Congressional Section and 13th Congressional Section, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, held a joint sectional convention at the residence of Doctor [redacted] Evanston, Illinois. Based on what was said at this meeting and the manner in which the CP operations were discussed, it is believed that anyone who attended this meeting was a member of the CP.

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Those in attendance at this affair were:

SAM KUSHNER

[redacted]


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A white male, 5'6", 160, 45 years old, brown kinky hair, slightly balding, glasses

A white female, 5'4", in her early 40s, slim build, wears glasses, tiny features, clean clear skin

A white male, 6'1", in his late 30s, wears glasses, balding

SAM KUSHNER was the main speaker of the evening and spoke concerning the CP, USA National Convention held in New York City. He mentioned how the representatives are chosen for the National Committee and that this representation is not based on population. He stated that Illinois has four representatives on the National Committee. They are SAM KUSHNER, , CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and FLO HALL. He mentioned that the CP in New York City is not doing very well and is far behind the CP of Illinois. He said that their membership has dropped and that some of the old members who dropped out of the Party want to come back in but the CP will not take them back.

On talking of the Negro question, KUSHNER stated that in regard to the current anti-Semitic drive going on, that occasionally the Jews must put up with these ill feelings directed against them, but that the Negroes have this feeling against them all the time.

He mentioned that the New York CP nominated eight individuals for the National Committee; however, there are no Puerto Ricans among the eight and there was only one Negro. KUSHNER said the National Committee would not accept

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these eight and selected eight of their own choice which included a Puerto Rican and a couple of Negroes.

[redacted] then asked SAM why the National Committee should act in this way. He said that he feels that it should make no difference what color or what race an individual is, but if the man is an able leader he should be put on the Committee. SAM disagreed, saying that many of the problems that arise concern the Puerto Ricans, Negroes and labor unions, and that it is good to have a broad committee because of the Negro problems. The Negro representatives have a better grasp of the situation and will be able to do a better job. He said the same situation exists with the Puerto Ricans and the laborers.

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KUSHNER said that the convention was conducted in a very courteous manner and that there were no problems at this convention as there were at the previous convention. There was a question and answer period after his speech but when most of the questions were asked, KUSHNER advised them he was not prepared to give them this speech, but if JACK KING, who was supposed to give the talk, were here he could answer these questions.

[redacted] asked four questions and SAM could not answer any of them. A question was asked concerning "The Worker" and if anything was being done in a constructive manner; he said yes but did not elaborate any further.

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[redacted] asked a question concerning factionalism in the Party and stated she did not know what was meant by the right and the left. SAM said that if she would have been in the Party during the GATES-FOSTER disputes, she would understand it. [redacted] said she had been in the Party since 1939, but she had never heard this mentioned before.

Just as KUSHNER started to speak the door bell rang and an individual came in and requested that the [redacted] sign some sort of a petition. Doctor [redacted] signed this petition and the individual left. It is not known if this individual was a man or woman. After the question and answer period, the meeting was adjourned.

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Copies of this memorandum are designated to the files of [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] as being in attendance at this meeting and it is believed that the Unsub. white female is [redacted]. It is noted that an unknown male and female were observed departing a car registered to [redacted] and enter the [redacted] residence by SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-105)

DATE: 3/21/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-131666)

SUBJECT: CP, USA-SOUTHERN REGION
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NY 2409-S* on 11/9/59, furnished photographs of material located in the residence of [redacted] Treasurer of the Southern Region. [redacted] St., NYC. [redacted] [redacted] former CP Organizer for the State of Florida, is currently residing with [redacted]

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Among the items furnished was a stenographic notebook, belonging to [redacted] containing notes, mainly written in speedwriting, which related to a meeting which had been held in Florida, undoubtedly in Miami, which [redacted] and probably [redacted] had attended.

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Also included in this notebook were numerous loose pages from a stenographic notebook, written in longhand, relating to this meeting. It is believed these notes also were written by HALL, probably during her return trip to NY. These pages are apparently the high points of the meeting and pertain to the remarks and views of those in attendance. The speedwriting portion of this notebook subsequently was transcribed by the FBI Laboratory and the information obtained is set forth below. Information placed in parenthesis is conjecture on the part of the NYO or the opinion of the FBI Laboratory.

The following represents that portion of HALL's notes written in longhand:

The meeting was held on a Saturday and Sunday, (probably during October, 1959). The attendance at the Saturday evening session was confined to six comrades plus "myself" [redacted]. The notation "myself" had been crossed out and the word "guest" inserted in its place. On Sunday, eight comrades plus "myself" or "guest" [redacted] were present.

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The agenda for this meeting was reflected as including the following:

1. Report by guest [redacted] on SRC (Southern Regional Committee) meeting; K's (KHRUSHCHEV) visit and 21st Congress, (CP, SU), and Southern leadership.

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2. Draft resolutions.
3. Convention plans.
4. Status of local Party and Mass trends.

After each item on the agenda, it was reflected that time would be given for discussion purposes.

Relative to item one on the agenda, [] notes reflect that the "guest" [] reported on the KHRUSHCHEV visit and gave a report on Southern leadership. It was reflected [] was careful to avoid any expression of personal sentiment that might, in any way, tend toward factionalism.

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[] notes do not indicate what she reported in the above report; however, they contain what are apparently the comments of those present at the meeting.

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Under the caption "SRC Report", the margin of this page reflects that [] made the following comments:

Relative to leadership, the report [] did not impress the City Committee. The situation in leadership will not be solved except "by process". [] remarks reflect various items he felt were necessary to solve the problem of leadership. [] indicated that the Party (probably in Florida) requires (meetings with a field organizer) twice a year for guidance. [] objected to CH's [], undoubtedly [] haste in leaving at 10:00 p.m., on the evening when he had a meeting with "P". He said CH's [] remarks on promise of a field organizer (for the Southern Region) would soon be empty words. [] indicated there is a responsibility (to the Party) locally; however, two leading persons were lost to the Party in a short time. [] stated that they (Miami CP) want a continuity of leadership from the SRC and a link with the central organization (national office). He said the local organization will do its part concerning such contact, but there is a lack of confidence in each other for representation. [] further indicated that each individual must be aware of his role with regard to mass work.

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Concerning membership, [] further presented a report relative to a membership meeting (or conference) which had been held. He said the following points had been discussed at this meeting:

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1. Plans for a new City Committee.
2. Discussion of resolutions.
3. Organizational problems.
4. Reports were prepared on:
 - (a) Youth
 - (b) T.U. (Trade Union) work
 - (c) Jewish (question)
 - (d) Integration struggles
 - (e) Party

Following [] remarks, [] notes reflect [] spoke regarding the SRC report. [] indicated that a previous meeting (in Florida?) criticized an invitation from the Southern Regional Committee designating a specific person as a representative (possibly to the Southern Regional Committee).

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Concerning the second point on the agenda, draft resolutions, [] notes indicate [] made the following remarks:

The draft resolutions do not deal with T.U. (Trade Union) struggles sufficiently, especially with regard to new laws. Further, there is nothing new (in the resolutions) since previous resolutions were formulated. [] complained there were no points or program on how to "bring it to life". He stated he was happy to see the "self-determination" theory (in the Negro Resolution) dropped and indicated he supported the resolution in general, but did not know how it could be applied locally. [] related the final resolution must touch on the visit of Soviet Premier KHRUSHCHEV to the United States.

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[redacted] spoke next and said the club had discussed and supported the Negro Resolution. He stated more guidance is needed on "U.F." (United Front) work and that the points in the resolution should be not only for discussion, but also for action. [redacted] indicated the Party has to know not only what is right, but also how to accomplish things.

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Concerning point three on the agenda, convention plans, [redacted] notes do not reflect the speaker, however, the following was noted:

The membership conference summary would be presented to the convention (probably Florida State CP Convention). This summary would include:

1. Summary of discussion on draft resolution.
2. Evaluation of Party life within the past two years.
3. Program for the work ahead for the Party and mass outlook.
4. Florida's relationship with the N.O. (National Office).

Further, that [redacted] was to make a report at the beginning of the convention analyzing the present movement, the perspectives for peace, the EISENHOWER-KHRUSHCHEV conference, etc.

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Also, a steering committee of the convention would meet with [redacted] on Saturday (date not indicated).

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Concerning point four on the agenda, status of organization locally, [redacted] notes reflect the following:

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[] feels that the elements in membership are not represented. In this regard, he feels there is only one creed, no Negroes, no trade unionists. He feels the SRC should send in (to Florida) Negro rank and file workers. [] also feels the Party has no position on coming local elections and described the Party as a "Bible class."

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[] complained there have been no public statements (in the name of the Party) since 1955. He said the Party organization in the center (national office) serves not the community, but the country at large. [] further felt that the Party has been weakened by "witch hunts."

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[] then spoke. He said the Party has continued to function, but much of its activity has been on the defensive. [] indicated that many liberals and progressives have moved into Miami, and there is a need for more training for the existing leadership in order to play its role among those people already in mass organizations. He stated help is needed from the SRC to train local leadership already in existence.

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[] stated that the last five year period has been the worst; however, the period was not entirely wasted in that people are no longer panicked at the thought of witch hunts. [] complained the center (national office) is a collecting agency and is not doing political work in any area. He said the Party should encourage people to move to the South to live.

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[] notes then reflect the following with regard to membership in Miami:

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There are twenty-two members plus two transfers, totalling twenty-four members. These members are divided into three clubs, two clubs with seven members each, and one club with eight members. (Apparently as of the time [] took these notes the two transferees had not been assigned to a specific club).

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[redacted] notes reflect that the dues report through November (1959) would be mailed in two weeks. Further, there are no problems with respect to literature.

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Under a heading "Finances", [redacted] notes reflect she was paid for this trip and that her expenses and refund were sent to PHIL BART. Further, that money covering the June report had been received the past week and had been sent to the N.O. (national office). One hundred dollars (apparently of this money) had been specified for "The Worker" and had been submitted.

Under a sub-heading, "Mass Approach", [redacted] notes reflect ABE stated that the NAACP was very active in helping on the registration campaign and that he himself had helped in transportation. [redacted] felt there is a negative and distorted approach to the Negro community and that the Negro community is not moving as it does not know where to go. He said other comrades do not accept his estimate and feel that this estimate is based upon guess work.

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At the bottom of this page [redacted] notes contain the following entry, "Add-CORE" (Committee on Racial Equality).

In closing, [redacted] notes reflect the following were considered by her as sidelights to her trip:

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[redacted] regarding transfers, "C's" attitudes on [redacted] and funds - [redacted]

This concludes that portion of [redacted] notes which were written in longhand. A comparison of this information with the speedwriting notes indicates the above information is generally a summary of information which [redacted] took in speedwriting. Set forth below is the information contained in speedwriting, as transcribed by the FBI Laboratory:

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[redacted] speedwriting notes classify this meeting as a "M" (Miami) conference.

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This section of [] notes goes into greater detail relative to the comments of the various speakers at this meeting.

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[] suggested starting discussions on five different aspects of work. He said many (people) had come out (with theories) with relation to work; however, it was premature to lay down a program of work. [] further indicated a date had been set for a conference.

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HALL's notes then reflect the following entry:

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Party Youth-Trade Union J Field-Segregation!

Apparently [] continued with his report and stated the NAACP is weak, and although (it was) active in helping in the transportation (situation it was) very disappointing. Further, registration is going well and (the NAACP) has an office where people are working. [] said the NAACP paid two people to come to Miami to meet the registering (voters?) people and have a big meeting, however, this was a flop.

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[] spoke next and asked how we (CP) can go further since we are not really sincere as comrades. He stated that all of the work is being done but not in the same manner as previously due to fear (on the part of the comrades).

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[] stated the question of youth and labor had to be tackled. He said the discontentment of the workers is confined mainly to Cubans and Negroes.

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[] related that CORE (Committee on Racial Equality) started a fight by trying to force a restaurant to feed Negroes. [] or [] asked (the name of) the individual who leased the restaurant schedule to [] said (it was) the Brooks Independent Real Estate Agency in the Negro community. He said six people asked him [] to run for Commissioner even though he is evicting tenants who wouldn't pay their rent.

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[] commented there was one person (in Miami) who asked for books (on Communism) to read; however, this individual does not want to join (the CP).

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[] notes reflect that on Saturday, before 11:30 a.m., to 2:30 p.m., a report was given by or relative to []

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This report reflects that Monday was the day [] promised they would serve both Negroes and whites. Eight Negroes went (to the restaurant) and sat down. They were followed into the restaurant by hoodlums who stood behind the Negroes. When the waiter said he was not serving Negroes, one of the hoodlums assaulted a Negro. The showcase was broken and the counter manager tried to stop the hoodlum and ran for the police. A lawyer was obtained and the case went to court, bail being set for three people. The white person was charged with assault, the Negroes with assault and battery. Two were found guilty and a Negro and hoodlum were fined \$50.00 each.

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[] stated this was the first time that particular court was not segregated.

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[] notes reflect the NAACP elections had been held a few months ago and that although [] nominated a man who had been president in the past, and was no good, the Negroes sent many into the national (?) office.

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Under a heading, "Mass Work", [] notes contain information relative to CORE (Committee on Racial Equality), apparently in Miami.

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These notes indicate CORE's membership consists of 26 people, 13 white, 13 Negroes; that it is a loosely knit organization, and its dues are \$2.00 per year. CORE does not easily accept members, but it does hold open meetings.

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[] notes reflect CORE's activity is limited to registration, backdown, "sit-downs", and similar activity.

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CORE enlists the cooperation of the NAACP and the churches, but for certain struggles needs an excuse to concentrate on churches.

The notes indicate (Reverend) SHUTTLESWORTH came (to Miami) and raised \$850.00 and that CORE is supposed to get legal support from the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union).

[] notes reflect that the discussion at this meeting pointed out the necessity of having more people in mass work. The membership needs more initiative; however, there are not enough members to present a true picture (of what is being done?). What is needed is a little more understanding and flexibility. A united front is more important than anything else, i.e., a second party.

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[] proposed that for the coming conference, there be prepared a report on issues (confronting the Party) which would be presented at the conference.

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[] stated she had worked with the Negro people; however, they either would not or do not trust us. She said that the Negro cadre here (Miami) are always talking about our work and what is ahead.

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[] spoke next. C stated that the new Negro resolution is very good and C found no flaws in it; however, the main resolution sounded like past resolutions in that there are points for debate, but no points for action.

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C. continued that organizationally (in Miami), the Party is weak. When meetings are called they are not planned but are slipshod. C stated "we" have to instill a feeling that we are not debating together - a feeling that we are part of an organization that does more than debate - that knows what should be done and how to do it. C stated the organization (in Miami) is getting nowhere very fast and there must be a little more active work.

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Concerning the above, C. asked "Do we give the trade union movement today leadership? Are we in a position to do these things?" C. stated that once we had large number of people, today we have many less. There are less activities today and more "parlor pinks" than ever before.

C. stated "he" came here and spoke of trade union work, mass organizations, etc., but was discouraged. "He" promised he would get in touch with the trade union movement and discussed or discouraged (word questionable) working in Negro organizations by concentrating on Jewish center.

C. asked what would happen when this resolution (Negro resolution) is discussed. We have to build (the Party) in such a way as to be active outside.

[] spoke again relative to the UAW (United Auto Workers) convention. He said (WALTER) REUTHER stated that the Negro people were not ready for top leadership positions in the union and that when the civil rights issue was brought up 95 of the Negro delegates walked out.

Concerning the resolution of KHRUSHCHEV's visit presented at the convention; [] said there is a possibility of peaceful co-existence and that the disarmament position was good. It (the resolution) called for more exchanges with the Soviet Union and more delegations.

[] called for a conference to discuss the elections and for the formation of a political action committee.

[] further stated there was a new feeling of criticism of (GEORGE) MEANEY. The membership (of the union) is not as afraid as it used to be. He cited the success of (HARRY) BRIDGES in Chicago, where 1,000 trade unionists met and heard him.

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[] said the [] Bill (places) democracy in unions, which everyone wants; however, putting it in the hands of the government is something else. He said the text of the law appeared in the District 65 paper.

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[] concluded that the UAW convention on peace was much better than the AFL-CIO.

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[] notes continue that concerning KHRUSHCHEV's visit, the resolution must be applied locally, in a local way, by a standing committee, and it must be determined as to what phase of the resolution can be worked with to suit the situation in Miami.

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[] notes reflect [] read and discussed the Negro resolution two weeks prior and discussion had been held on the main resolution during the past week.

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[] notes indicate that on Sunday, date not indicated, the agenda for this meeting included:

1. Draft resolutions
2. Convention plans
3. Activity here (Miami) - Party and mass.

Concerning draft resolutions, it was brought out that the draft resolution had been accepted by the National Committee at a meeting in July, and that all but one member had voted for it.

[] stated that a study committee will deal with this and will have points written down so that suggestions, criticisms, etc., can be given to the national office.

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[] followed and stated the draft resolution does not touch sufficiently with the trade union struggles. He stated he did not see anything in this resolution that did not exist in prior resolutions and voiced the opinion the Party was not digging deep enough on problems.

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[] Concerning the status of the Miami Party organization, [] stated the Party and the SRC should think in terms of encouraging people to move to Miami and other places in the South. He suggested that for a minimum of twice a year, that someone come into Miami for one week.

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[] stated September is past and we are all lazy around the center. We are a collecting organization and are neglecting real work.

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[] stated people are confused on the Negro population. The gamblers, drunks and upper-class are trying to exploit them. [] said there are Negro people who are not moving and that someone coming in for a week or more would be a big accomplishment. [] coming to Miami for one day does not mean a thing.

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[] asked relative to mass work, why the center (national office) was always discussed when there is a strong core in the center.

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[] stated the past five years were the worst years we (CP) have had, although they were not wasted. We were not afraid, everyone stood on his own two feet, which is worth a lot. [] stated we are hardened, know how to appreciate things, and know what to do when these things happen.

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[] went on to state that we (Miami Party) lost one person and do not care how good or how bad he was. It is not the Party's attitude to throw someone out of the Party. LOU and someone else were thrown out of the Party. LOU was afraid because of the economic situation and his wife, but we (CP) did not try to give him work or what he expected in order to be a good member of the Party.

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[] stated we (CP) have to educate the residents, keep the organization intact and develop classes.

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[] reported that 18% of Dade County is composed of Negroes; however, we (CP) have no Negro comrades. He said we are in need of someone who can help here, in and around the Party, and tie these elements together as well as with the (Southern) Region.

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[] related we must educate the members so they can do better mass work. He said it is wrong to assume that if we do not have the best contacts in the trade union movement, etc., that we have nothing.

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[] stated that what is needed is a person in direct contact with the region so that if we do get the place, etc., we can sit down and talk with the person. The only reason we need a contact with the region is to help us.

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[] sharply differed with [] on his conclusions. He said the Party has not existed in the past five years - no youth, no Negroes. Party meetings are such that the discussion relates mainly to the past five years recalling the attacks made against the Party.

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[] said it is one thing to get someone transferred in a routine way and another to get someone to come to Miami to live. He said we do not need someone to come to Miami to live.

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[] stated we must not undermine what he or we can do.

"C" stated we work for the whole county. Our attitude has softened, not from the ideological struggle, but from witch hunts. C said (he or she) had heard about [] visit but did not see him due to a previous engagement.

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C. said that if the region could locate a comrade to come to Miami as Party Organizer in the Negro community, this comrade could be in the movement among the Negroes.

[redacted] stated there is an election the following month; however, the candidates have not been discussed or a line formulated.

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[redacted] stated that insofar as the organization locally is concerned, we are not going to grow and are not expected to take positions in community life - we do not have the elements to do that.

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[redacted] related one comrade had gone into the hotel workers to supplement a few dollars a week because he could not earn enough. This comrade asked the leadership to do something about it; however, the request was denied, which is the wrong approach. [redacted] stated that if we do not recruit, how then can we grow or partake in our state political and community life.

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[redacted] expressed the opinion that if we are in a position to have in Miami a "N.C.", who does not have to be a Jew, a worker who is a loyal Party comrade working with the Negro people, then we can find there is a lot to do in Miami in the NAACP, in CORE, etc.

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[redacted] stated we want a site (or situation) where there is a trade union movement, where there is dissatisfaction.

Since 1955, we have issued no statements or taken part in any state issues, openly or not openly. We used to bring the line of the Party to the public in elections and other issues. We have failed in doing any practical work, we have people who belong to one creed, who are not leaders, we have no youth, no Negroes, no workers. We did not have in the Miami Party any sort of the developments and troubles that took place in other states. The reason for this is that the element in Miami is more or less an old time element who struggled all their lives to build the Party.

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[] stated that one thing is evident - at meetings we have criticized invitations, resented the indicating finger that points to the individual. This policy must be divorced from the movement. Invite the organization, but not the individual. Criticism of leadership is not new to the CP movement. b6 b7C

[] stated that on the local situation there are no Party clubs except in Miami and that years ago the Party locally had connections in other states. [] stressed the lack of confidence in each other relative to going to conferences. b6 b7C

[] said that in the South, being the most potential of all places, there should be at least a regular contact with personnel, where a person can sit down and talk to people for a week or two. He said he was disappointed when C [] was in Miami for his short visit, but indicated plans were being made (for future visits?). b6 b7C

[] related there is a feeling (in Miami) that there is a central organization of continuity of leadership and, as such, Miami can warrant having a person spending time in Miami, giving us a feeling of (belonging?). He said there are plans for a discussion of resolutions, plans for organizational problems in general (at the) membership meeting. b6 b7C

Under a heading, "Southern Conference", [] notes reflect [] spoke and said (problems) were not being solved overnight and it is not a case of some people wanting an answer or definite answer. b6 b7C

[] said regarding the perspective of the Party two years ago that our views were not that we were going to do tremendous rebuilding, etc., but that we have to train cadre and educate the residents. b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated that where there is opposition in the South, (there) is going to be (a) theoretically revolutionary class (with) people opposed. He said if J.J. (JAMES E. JACKSON) and "C" [redacted] are so wound up in giving classes of lectures, etc., and if these are the bulk of things taking place in the South, then how are we going to develop these people.

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[redacted] concluded that he would not buy the theory that the Party cannot find people to go into key areas.

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[redacted] notes further reflect her comments relative to some of the activity in Miami. She indicated the work of "C's" group was limited because of age, outlook and composition. She indicated that what is important is how much better work they can do and to what extent their outlook and vision can be broadened is the responsibility of the SRC to ascertain.

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[redacted] As to what was accomplished during her visit, [redacted] notes indicate there were two well attended meetings with full discussion and convention plans were made.

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[redacted] made the following suggestion to the Miami Party organization: That serious thought be given as to what is said and promised at the convention regarding Miami's liaison with leadership from the national office. These comrades, whatever their limitations may be, can be given empty promises just so long and will not be convinced that what little they ask for is impossible to be solved.

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Enclosed herewith for the Miami Division are photographs of the longhand written notes of [redacted]. The transcriptions by the FBI Laboratory of her speedwriting notes have been previously furnished the Miami Division.

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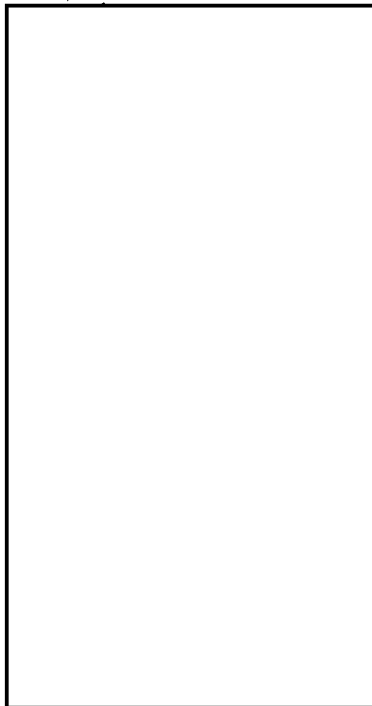
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Chicago, Illinois
January 20, 1960

On January 19, 1960, a Joint Convention of the 12th Congressional Section, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois and the 13th Congressional Section, CP of Illinois, was held in the residence of Doctor [REDACTED] Evanston, Illinois. SAM KUSHNER was the main speaker at this affair and took the place of JACK KLING, who had been scheduled to make the speech. In attendance at this affair were:

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Unknown male, dark hair, glasses.
5'7", 160 pounds, belongs to the 13th
Congressional Section, and was called SID.

Unknown female, short, slender, dark
hair, glasses, believed to be the wife
of the above mentioned unknown male.

Unknown male, dark hair, 37 years old,
5'8", 165 pounds.

SAM KUSHNER mentioned that GUS HALL gave the key note address of this affair. He said that GENE DENNIS was supposed to give this address but was ill and that HALL's address was excellent and especially in view of the fact that it was given on such short notice. He mentioned that HALL's keynote address appears in the January issue of "Political Affairs" and urged all in attendance to read it. He mentioned that as we enter the decade of the 60's, the period of the Cold War is ending, and that the main aim of the CP and the core of the Communist movement is peace. He mentioned that the main dangers facing the CP today is the dangers from the "Right" and from the "Left." He said that resolutions on every question mentioned at the Convention was passed and that the trade union discussion took three days. ARCHIE BROWN of San Francisco also gave an excellent speech at the Convention and KUSHNER mentioned that BROWN is a member of the Longshoremen's Union and is known as a member of the CP.

KUSHNER said that the discussion on the Negro Question was the sharpest discussion held, and that it was a wide open discussion, and the main problem in connection with the Negro Question was whether or not the Communist Party should continue to advocate self-determination for the Negro. KUSHNER mentioned that the Convention overall was very polite and that people went out of their way to get things done. He said there were stories in the New York papers concerning a power struggle between JAMES JACKSON and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT but that these stories were not true. He said that the Convention was anxious to repudiate an article in the New York paper concerning an argument between JACKSON and LIGHTFOOT and that this article was pure rubbish. KUSHNER mentioned that the New York delegation was ill mannered and did not behave themselves well at the Convention, and that the CP in New York is in very bad shape. He said the CP of New York is not doing nearly as good a job as the CP of Illinois, but now the New York Party is pulling itself together, but still has a long way to go. KUSHNER said that the Convention ended with a speech by GUS HALL on Party unity, at which time the Party is ending its holding up operations and steps are being planned to rebuild the Party. KUSHNER

mentioned that many good things were accomplished at the Convention and that an organization that was supposed to be dead sure made a lot of noise in New York City. KUSHNER mentioned that youth clubs are being formed in the Chicago area and these clubs are to be organized on a broad form and will not be in the name of the CP. They will be Marxist-Leninist organizations and Communist principles will be taught at these meetings, however, these meetings will not carry the name of the Party as such.

After KUSHNER's speech, a question and answer period was held and [redacted] asked KUSHNER to explain what is meant by the difference between the "Right" and the "Left". She said she had never heard these terms before. KUSHNER told her if she had been in the CP during the period of the FOSTER-GATES disputes, she would understand what is meant by these terms. JUDY told SAM that she had been in the CP since 1939 but that she did not know what is meant by the "Right" and the "Left."

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After KUSHNER's speech, [redacted] called for all members of the 13th Congressional Section to huddle with him in the corner of the room. At that time, [redacted]

[redacted] and the three unknown individuals went over to talk to [redacted]. The only members of the 12th Congressional Section at this meeting were [redacted]

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After the meeting was adjourned, [redacted] paid [redacted] \$5.00 for his Organizational Fund payment for January. He said that the next club meeting will be at his house and his wife does not know he is making Organizational Fund payments. He said she knows about his dues payments but would not appreciate it if she knew he was also paying \$5.00 a month to the Organizational Fund.

Copies of this memorandum are designated to the files of [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted] as being in attendance at this meeting and it is believed that the Unsub white female is [redacted]. It is noted that an unknown male and female were observed departing a car registered to [redacted] and enter the [redacted] residence by SA [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-76)

Date: 3/29/60

From: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80644)

Subject: CPUSA - YOUTH MATTERS
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On 3/18/60, NY 2359-S* advised that on above date three youths apparently from Atlanta, Georgia, came to CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. They discussed the Negro student demonstration taking place in the south with BEN DAVIS, JR. and [redacted]. One of the youths said they were told to look up BEN DAVIS by LOU (LNU) who is presently in Georgia Tech and at one time was a CP member. It would appear that the youths are attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-3-76) (RM)
(1 - 100-3-75) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION)
- 6 - Atlanta (RM)
 - (1 - 100-) (LOU (LNU))
 - (1 - 100-) [redacted] (ph)
 - (1 - 100-) [redacted] (ph)
 - (1 - 100-) [redacted] (ph)
 - (1 - 100-) (CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION)
- 2 - Chicago (INFO) (RM)
(1 - 100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1 - Charlotte (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Denver (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS, JR) 415
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) 415
- 1 - New York (100-80633) (CPUSA EDUCATION) 415
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) 415
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- 1 - New York (100-80638) (CPOSA MEMBERSHIPS) 415
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- 1 - New York (100-80640) (CPUSA NEGRO QUESTION) 415
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Unknown Male: An individual whose identity was unknown to the informant opened the discussion and introduced [redacted] to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT who the individual described as "head of our Party in Chicago".

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BEN DAVIS, JR: I was interested because Atlanta is my home.

Unknown Youth: I was told to look you up. How long has it been since you have been there.

BEN DAVIS, JR: I have not been there since 1945.

Unknown Youth: I guess you have heard about the "lunch counter thing".

BEN DAVIS, JR: Yes...

Unknown Youth: We were talking about it this Sunday before it happened and decided it would not really go any good. I was with him and I got served... We used to go to the State Capitol together and I refused to be served...

BEN DAVIS, JR: Do either of you live in this area?

Unknown Youth: I am from New York City.

BEN DAVIS, JR: Where are you from [redacted] (ph)... I see but Atlanta is your home... How did you happen to come here? (Apparently CP Headquarters)

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Unknown Youth: I have a friend in Atlanta but I do not know what his (status) is now. He was a member of the Party at one time and he got me interested in Marxism.

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BEN DAVIS, JR: A white guy?

Unknown Youth: Yea, you might know him. His name is LOU (Last name not mentioned).

HY LUMER: I remember LOU. I know him. Where is he now?

Unknown Youth: LOU is in Atlanta and studying at Georgia Tech.

BEN DAVIS, JR: JIM (JACKSON), I want you to meet [redacted] (ph). JIM (JACKSON) is the Editor of "The Worker" and for many years was one of the leaders of the Southern Negro Youth Conference in the south. He used to be a tobacco workers organizer and now he is in the National Leadership of the Communist Party (CP). HY(LUMER) is our National Educational Director of the Party. He is an old professor.

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Unknown Youth: How is HENRY WINSTON doing?

BEN DAVIS, JR: We filed a suit in New York and have the Government all tied up. He can't walk and is practically blind and they want to send him back to prison. We got a delay on it and want to send him to a rehabilitation center. We are going to do everything legally possible to get him free. He is now in Montefiore Hospital right now...

Unknown Youth: I was going to ask how your drive for "The Worker" is going.

BEN DAVIS, JR: We have financial problems but at least a weekly has come out... and our expectation is to resume a publication of a daily paper this year or next. The difficulty is to finance... What particular questions do you have in mind?

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Unknown Youth: I was just wondering about something you said. This basic desire for a change in the social structure. One thing always confused me. Do you make any distinction between Socialism and Communism or are these two words synonymous.

BEN DAVIS, JR: In a formal sense, Socialism is the first stage of Communism or in other words Communism is a higher stage of Socialism... Socialism is a very old concept but modern scientific Socialism (tends ?) to the works and teachings of Marxism... so that Socialism is a kind of ideological foundation on the works of MARX, ENGLES and LENIN.

The first phase of any society, of any working class, is the dominant ruling class. The first stage of a new order is Socialism... At a higher stage when a society has achieved an abundance of material... just do not require any ration such as a goal in production... then you create conditions for Communism which is characterized by the slogan "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need". Therefore, a system of exchange undergoes a radical change.

This does not exist anywhere in the world as yet, but in the Soviet Union... and to some extent in Czechoslovakia, which are expected to complete all of the material prerequisite for the advancement into the (latest ?) of Socialism which we would call Communism...

Unknown Youth: Explain why you feel these other Socialistic Parties, say in France and Italy, are not ... for Socialism. The American Socialist Parties like NORMAN THOMAS...

BEN DAVIS, JR: When a Socialistic Party program would leave power in the hands of Capitalism... their affect or manner of compromise... then these propositions become meaningless. To

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cite an example, the Labor Party in England during its short reign... did not solve contradictions, they compromised.

Unknown Youth: The Soviet Union is trying to establish trade relations in every industrial field... in their peaceful co-existence policy. If the peaceful co-existence policy is desired, does not this change the way in which the final end is to be reached... In what is the Soviet Union trying to have a method of peaceful co-existence.

BEN DAVIS, JR: We desire social progress and human progress to be advanced by peaceful means because it is the masses who suffer... those in power are stubborn. There is a new relation of forces in the world... and it is possible to achieve basic social change within the country and abroad without war.

It is our desire that the American people advance to a higher and more (rational ?) social system, free of depression... without revolutionary upheaval. This is a program which we conduct. History shows that the new will assert itself regardless of the resistance that the old puts up. In the south the Negro people have concluded that slavery is no longer endurable ... Needed is a certain kind of social revolution, absence of special privileges. This is not Socialistic revolution... The whole country and the world is taking pride in the struggle in the south.

Unknown Youth: What is the membership of the Party now? It is very small isn't it?

BEN DAVIS, JR: Our membership is between 10 and 15,000. You should understand the period from which we are emerging... all kinds of loyalty oaths ... has had its affect.

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The Capitalists in this country have no illusions about the influence of the American Communist Party...

[redacted]?: If you want to read some of these... they are put out by the Four Continent Book Shop... Here is a booklet on mental health...

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BEN DAVIS, JR: Let me ask you a question. What is the reaction of the groups to the struggle of the Negro students?

Unknown Youth: I took a petition around...

BEN DAVIS, JR: Did you read it...?

Unknown Youth: We had a meeting between all the universities in Atlanta and we drew up a petition... We agreed with it, voted on it and tried to get people to sign it. The people did not want to get involved with it. There were very few segregationists there but the people did not want to be committed. They did not want to get involved. Then there is a small group on the other side.

BEN DAVIS, JR: Is there any difference in the reaction of the girls from the boys?

Unknown Youth: The girls are not as verbose. They do not take sides... They do what is expected of them...

BEN DAVIS, JR: What is the student body side?

Unknown Youth: They think the oppression will last a little bit longer...

BEN DAVIS, JR: How many students at Emory (believing referring to Emory University in Atlanta) share the views of you three fellows?

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Unknown Youth: About three or four hold to the petition... but only 50 or 60 of this figure are active in this thing...

BEN DAVIS, JR: There are about 250,000 Negroes in Atlanta.

Unknown Youth: Yes... we have what we call an international...

Unknown Male: What other forms of support are being suggested?

Unknown Youth: At the lunch counters they are trying to get Negroes served... In Chapel Hill (apparently referring to the University of North Carolina) they have sit down service... We have intergration on buses in Atlanta... but the Negroes mostly will not sit next to a white unless invited... The older people would rather go to the back and have a seat.

BEN DAVIS, JR: The older generation of Negroes and whites are used to this. They are breaking with the old standards... That is why the young people are active in taking their rights... That is why the students play a key and historic role in this struggle. Also the students have less to lose than the old ones... This is a part of a special kind of set up, with students playing a special kind of role.

A second thing is the widest possible support... demonstrated by petitions and boycotts... Then to the Labor Movement must play a role in this struggle. We should utilize a certain portion of the 14th amendment, which deals with the right to vote.

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Unknown Youth: In the small counties in the south, they do not permit the Negroes to vote...

BEN DAVIS, JR: Our party's position is complete and unconditional support for the Negro people in their battle to uphold the Constitution... Our job is how to bring in more allies, to organize the north behind us... We must fight to halt the whole Dixiecrat machinery... We must get rid of the Dixiecrats in Congress and really delouse Congress and get people in who are willing to uphold the Constitution... We must create JOHN BROWN's among the whites. The dominant trend among Negro people is how to carry on this fight for a larger measure of human treatment.

You must remember that you have classes among the Negro people... and therefore you must expect expressions of class interest... but the main thing that will unite them is a greater measure of dignity and rights...

ADAM (possibly ADAM CLAYTON POWELL) at this moment is a very powerful spokesman for the Negro people and we must not allow class consciousness to cloud our thinking...

[REDACTED]; A National Students Association is going on... about 20 students studying there... so you should contact them. For instance a class in Russian at the University of Wyoming are planning a trip to the Soviet Union...

When I was traveling through the south, at John Hopkins they were organizing groups to better the lot of the Negroes... I can give you the name and address at John Hopkins...

BEN DAVIS, JR: The main thing for guys like yourselves is to realize that this is a struggle between the old and the new.

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You must win eventually; you can not lose.

[redacted] Would you write down your names and addresses here and also your schools so that I can contact you... I take it all three of you are interested in Socialism... Have you considered getting together regularly? There are study groups in the south to study Marxist theory and so on... They are getting help from adult Communists and myself... There will be a national publication out shortly, by September, we hope, both for Party and for non-Party people... Are there others like yourselves?

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When the majority of the people want Socialism here, we will do much better... The Soviet Union has made mistakes because they had no guide... Their overall approach is toward peaceful co-existence and you must look at this overall outlook.

Unknown Youth: What is the work day in the Soviet Union?

[redacted] At the 21st Congress, they suggested a six hour day, six days per week. They have three weeks vacation with full pay and in a number of industries the seven hour day is already established. In the United States, workers find it hard to make ends meet and most work more than 40 hours.

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Unknown Youth: Russia has a labor shortage, that is why they have no problem of employment, but in years to come this will change. Is this true?

[redacted] The picture of the United States is just idiotic... The median yearly income is \$1,800.

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Unknown Youth: You say that there will be no over production in the Soviet Union, but I think there will be.

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[redacted] In any basic commodity, if there is a drop in price, there will be no over supply. Take in China today, bread is free.. but with a planned economy will increase in income... will increase production. Mankinds level of production gets greater as the demand increases and so will supply. Also the six hour work week will be a factor to be considered.

Unknown Youth: In China the people work harder than anywhere else.

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[redacted] Are you implying a slave society? They have tremendous problems that must be solved but I cannot go into the entire thing. Is there anything else you want to discuss?

Discussion closed with COLLINS recommending some reading matter for the youths.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [redacted]

DATE: April 5, 1960

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SECURITY INFORMANT

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted]	3/27/60 CP National Committee Meeting	3/30/60	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	134-14A-1984

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INFORMANT HAS NATIONAL STATUS

On March 30, 1960, [redacted] furnished SA ROBERT C. NORTON a 4-page letter dated January 20, 1960, addressed "To All Districts" and "To All National Committee Members" and headed "Plan For 1960 Press Fund and Circulation Drives" signed "Organization Committee, CP, USA." This letter was received by [redacted] through the mail prior to the CP National Committee meetings 3/25-27/60. Informant orally advised that the contents of this letter were the basis of the report made by LOUIS WEINSTOCK set out in instant report. The letter is being retained in [redacted]

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On March 30, 1960, [redacted] furnished SA [redacted] a leaflet dated February 11, 1960, "To All Districts" signed "PHIL BART", "National Organization Sec'y." The letter purports to be a follow-up on the January 20, 1960, letter headed "1960 Party Building and Press Circulation Drive." Informant orally advised he had received it through the mail prior to the 3/25-27/60 CP National Committee meetings. [redacted] said that PHIL BART based his report made at the March 27, 1960 session of the CP National Committee meeting on this leaflet. The leaflet is being retained in [redacted]

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12 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
ORGANIZATION, CP, USA
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
GUS HALL
PHIL BART
MEMBERSHIP
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
THE WORKER
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
FUNDS
BEN DAVIS
UNSUB: Young Negro Woman From New York
BRIEF FILE

10 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL)
ORGANIZATION, CP, USA
UNSUB: White Man, a Cripple
MEMBERSHIP
POLITICAL ACTIVITIES
PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
THE WORKER
FUNDS
PETTIS PERRY
BRIEF FILE
FACTIONALISM

5 - Baltimore

[REDACTED]
100-12464 ORGANIZATION
100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS
100-11800 BRIEF FILE
100-10584 [REDACTED]

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"Baltimore, Maryland
March 30, 1960

"The following report concerns activities which went on at the third session of the CP National Committee meetings held March 27, 1960, at the Midwest Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

At about 8:05 AM, GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, called the meeting to order. A white man, who was a cripple, then took over as chairman for the morning session.

PHIL BART then gave the organizational report. He said there was an urgent need for more CP clubs to be set up and in operation. BART said that all clubs should start working on the 1960 elections, and that it was vitally important for all CP districts to hold meetings immediately following the National Committee meetings to bring out matters discussed on a national level. BART said that all CP members should start to work on recruiting and attempt to bring not only former CP members back but also approach people who had never been in the CP before. He urged the clubs to utilize and to distribute more CP literature.

LOUIS WEINSTOCK then talked about The Worker subscription and fund drives. He pointed out that although each area had its quota, none of the areas was meeting the quota either in funds or subscriptions. WEINSTOCK pointed out that for the paper to function, a great amount of money was needed.

PHIL BART then stated that originally the Party planned to give a book of cartoons which had appeared in The Worker in the past with each new subscription to The Worker, but the cost is so great the cartoons would only be handed out to persons contributing five dollars or more.

At about 11:45 AM, DAVIS halted the proceedings, and everyone present had coffee and buns.

DAVIS then said to [REDACTED] National Committee member from Baltimore, Maryland, that he was thinking of placing

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the young Negro woman from New York about whom they had held a conversation the previous day as chairman for the afternoon session. [redacted] said that was up to DAVIS. DAVIS then approached her, and she accepted.

During the afternoon session, which followed the break, BART's and WEINSTOCK's reports were discussed.

At about 1:00 PM, HALL got up and pointed out that the meeting had to end at 2:00 PM, and that there were a number of persons still on the list to speak.

PETTIS PERRY and several others then withdrew their requests for a chance to speak.

The discussion continued until about 1:45 PM, at which time HALL took over and made the final speech of the meeting. He urged all National Committee members to return to their areas and get the Party moving along the lines laid down by this meeting and the 17th national CP convention. He pointed out that as a result of these two meetings, it was clear that the Party had one line and one policy and was in a position to move out of isolation. He said that all CP members would have to start working among the masses. He said that although white chauvinism was present within the Party, it would be dealt with as it arose. He urged that the drive for Worker funds and subscriptions be kept up.

At about 2:25 PM, after HALL finished, at the request of BEN DAVIS, the chairman asked for a motion to accept all the reports given. This was done and passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 2:30 PM."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

Director, FBI (100-3-69)

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SAC, New Orleans (100-4)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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Re New Orleans airtel 1/4/60.

Pursuant to the Manual of Instructions, III, Section 37-C, Page 12-A, the following is a membership survey of the Communist Party of Louisiana. It is noted that there has been no CP activity in the Southern District of Mississippi.

The State of Louisiana is part of the Southern Region of the CP-USA. The last official District Organizer assigned here was [redacted] who left New Orleans in April, 1956, to evade services of a subpoena to testify before the Eastland Committee. [redacted]

were living in New Orleans at the time under assumed names and were actually supervising the Party's activities. In fact, the last registration of CP members was conducted by [redacted] in late 1955 and early 1956. [redacted] and [redacted] left New Orleans in October, 1956, and Party activity was at a standstill until visit by ROSEA HERMAN HUDSON to Louisiana in August, 1959, and again from October 31 to November 3, 1959. On his first visit, he instructed [redacted] to register former CP members, collect dues and hold meetings. Pursuant to HUDSON's instructions, [redacted] acting as District Organizer, registered former CP members throughout the State. The following is a breakdown of the various groups as furnished by [redacted]

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- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-80639) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Name of Member

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White Club

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[redacted] reports on the activities of the [redacted] they are reluctant to participate in any CP activity whatsoever.

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Negro Club

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Neighborhood Club

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Lettsworth, Louisiana

Farm Group

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[redacted] informed [redacted]

on 3/27/60 that [redacted] agreed to register for CP membership but that they did not have the registration fee and dues available. He indicated that they would pay these fees at a later date. While there is no informant coverage in this group,

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information pertaining to its
activities are reported by
[redacted] and by [redacted]

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The total membership is stated as 14
Positive identification 11
Tentative 3

Pursuant to the MOI, the following are the various
breakdowns of the above membership:

White	2
Negro	12
Male	8
Female	6
Union members	4
Veterans	4
Occupations	
Housewife	4
Advertising-sales	1
Hospital orderly	1
Longshoreman	1
Nurse	1
Laborer	4
Domestic servant	1
Logcutter	1
Total	14

INFORMANT COVERAGE

[redacted] provides
information concerning CP activities throughout the State,
particularly since the informant is [redacted]
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[redacted] provides information concerning the
members of his group.

[redacted] furnishes information concerning the
group to which he belongs in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
and in addition because of his close contact with

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[redacted] is able to provide information concerning the Farm Group in Lettsworth, Louisiana.

It is pointed out to the Bureau that to date regular club meetings have not been instituted. It should be further noted that [redacted] received instructions from HOSEA HERMAN HUDSON to register former CP members. HUDSON did not instruct the informant to recruit any new members, and informant does not intend to recruit any new members until authorized by CP officials.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

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FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY
OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on March 28, 1960, orally furnished the information on the following page to SA JOHN E. KEATING. This information was reduced to writing on March 29, 1960.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ② - New York (RM)
- ① - 100-80638 (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 2 - Chicago
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March 28, 1960

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), USA, stated recently that the average monthly dues payments of members of the CP, USA, up to January 1, 1960, was 4700. BART pointed out that this average included payments that were made prior to the 17th National Convention, in order to increase representation of the districts to the Convention. BART said that 6,000 would be a liberal figure for the total membership of the CP, USA, at the present time.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ***** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 3/31/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
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EXTREME CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE
IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on March 28, 1960, orally furnished the information on the following page to SA JOHN E. KEATING. This information was reduced to writing on March 29, 1960.

2 - Bureau (RM)

4 - New York (RM)

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- ① - 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership)
 - 1 - 100-81338 (CP, USA, Security Measures)
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100-84994 (GUS HALL)

4 - Chicago

- 1 - A)134-46
- 1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
- 1 - 100-3313 (JACK KLING)

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It has been learned that during the meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party (CP), USA, held in Chicago, Illinois, from March 25 through 27, 1960, MORRIS CHILDS and JACK KLING, members of the National Appeals Committee of the CP, USA, asked certain members of the National Committee for their biographies. CHILDS and KLING were asking on instructions of the Secretariat of the CP, USA, and limited their inquiries mainly to members of the National Committee who reside outside the New York City area, since the National Office will obtain the biographies for these persons. These biographies will be turned over to GUS HALL and PHIL BART for review and typing. Most of them are presently in the possession of JACK KLING. One copy of the biographies of all National Committee members will eventually be given to MORRIS CHILDS, Secretary of the National Appeals Committee of the CP, USA.

The following is the form which was used to obtain these biographies:

- 1) Name
- 2) Age
- 3) National & social origin & occupation.
- 4) Length of time in C.P.
- 5) Where joined
- 6) Who recommended or knows you.
- 7) Did you ever drop out of the CP since joining?
When? For what reason?
- 8) Has any disciplinary action ever been taken
against you?
- 9) A) Were you ever arrested?
B) For what reason? When? Where?
C) Did you ever serve in prison? When? Where?
How long?
- 10) Are you a member of any mass org.? Trade Union?
Which Nat, . Group Org.?
- 11) Are you a war veteran? Member of any Veterans
Org.?
- 12) What is your present position in CP? What other
committees are you a member of?
- 13) Married? How Long? Children _____ Number _____
Wife or husband in C.P.?

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 1)

RE: CP - USA
MEMBERSHIP
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 12/31/59.

On the best available information, there are an estimated seven CP members or sympathizers who are suspected of being CP members in the territory covered by the San Antonio Division. Of these seven, three of them can be positively identified as CP members and two of them tentatively identified as CP members; two are security informants.

The seven individuals tabulated by nationality, race, sex, employment, known veterans, and known union members are set forth below:

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
American.... 7	White..... 6	Male.... 7
	Negro..... <u>1</u>	
	Total 7	

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Veterans

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Union Members

None known

Employment

Attorney.....	1
Bookkeeper.....	2
Student.....	1
Salesman.....	1
Unemployed.....	2

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On 4/6/60, [redacted] advised that JOHN STANFORD appears to continue as the main CP leader in San Antonio. He continues his efforts to reorganize the CP in this area and is one of the San Antonio representatives on the State Committee of the CP. He remains the Executive Secretary of the CP in Texas. STANFORD is also one of the Texas representatives on the Southern Regional Committee.

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- Remarks:
- Cleveland (RM)
- 1 - 100-421 Gus Hall
 - 1 - 100- Worker
 - 1 - 100- CP Membership
 - 1 - 100- CP Funds
 - 1 - 100- CP Organization
- Chicago (RM)
- 1 - 100- Gus Hall
 - 1 - 100-2748 Sam Kushner
 - 1 - 100-12789 Geraldine Lightfoot
 - 1 - 100-22483 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100- [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-24729 Emanuel Blum
 - 1 - 100-26652 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-14652 [redacted]
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 - 1 - 100- unsub wh/m. 60 yrs.
 - 1 - 100- [redacted]
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 - 1 - 100- [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-1521 MCPFB
 - 1 - 100-(unsub) wh/male, 60 yrs.
 - 1 - 100- CP Funds
 - 1 - 100-Worker

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Chicago copies (cont'd)

- 1 - 100- CP Pamphlets
- 1 - 100- CP Organization
- 1 - 100- CP Membership
- 1 - 100-3952 Gil Green
- 1 - 100- CP Political Activities
- 1 - 100- CP International Relations

New York (RM)

- 1 - 100-269 Henry Winston
- 1 - 100- CP Membership
- 1 - 100- CP Organization
- 1 - 100- CP Funds
- 1 - 100- Worker
- 1 - 100-9365 Wm. L. Foster
- 1 - 100- Gus Hall

Indianapolis

- 1 - 100-11093 CP Organization
- 1 - 97-31 Worker
- 1 - 100-8300 CP Pamphlets
- 1 - 100-8633 Gus Hall
- 1 - 100-10487 Sam Kushner
- 1 - 100-11991 Geraldine Lightfoot
- 1 - 100-11791 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-9529 Emanuel Blum
- 1 - 100-9669 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-711 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-8554 MCPF
- 1 - 100-796 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-8928 Steve Hudyik
- 1 - 100-9727 Henry Winston
- 1 - 100-8236 CP Funds
- 1 - 100-3474V CP Membership
- 1 - 100-11763 Political Affairs
- 1 - 100-9726 Gil Green
- 1 - 100-11206 CP Political Activities
- 1 - 100-10976 CP International Relations

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On February 6, 1960, a meeting for the benefit of "The Worker" was held at 32 W. Randolph Street, 10th floor, Room 2B, Chicago, Illinois.

The following people were known to have attended this meeting:

Gus Hall

Sam Kushner

Geraldine Lightfoot

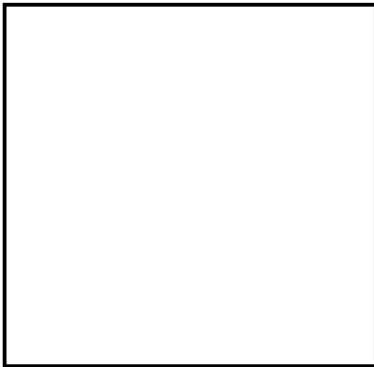


South Bend, Indiana

Emanuel Blum



Unsub; white, male, 60, 5-8, 200, gray hair, from Chicago.



The above people did not all arrive at the meeting at the same time. [redacted] talked to [redacted] [redacted] who had formerly worked at the Mid-West Committee

for Protection of Foreign Born office in Chicago. [redacted]
[redacted] was at the door collecting the admissions of \$1.00
per person for those who entered.

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[redacted] then talked to [redacted] from
Hammond, Indiana, who was a former resident of South
Bend, Indiana. [redacted] was waiting for her husband,
[redacted] asked [redacted] how everything
was in South Bend and [redacted] replied that everything
was very dead. He said that there had been no meeting
since January 8, 1960, so he did not know whether
anybody else was coming to Chicago to attend this meeting.
[redacted] asked [redacted] if he knew that Steve Tandarick
had been deported. [redacted] said that he had not known
this and she asked [redacted] to write to him in Zagreb,
Yugoslavia. She did not give [redacted] the street address
in Zagreb.

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[redacted] then talked with [redacted] and [redacted]
Both asked about the situation in South Bend. [redacted]
commented that there was not much going on. [redacted] then
asked [redacted] how old Steve Hugiik had been when he died.
[redacted] said that he was 79. [redacted] asked [redacted] if he
had the opportunity occasionally to see Hugiik's
daughter, [redacted] [redacted] stated that Steve
Hugiik and his wife, and [redacted] and her husband,
[redacted] had visited at [redacted] house in Chicago "last Spring"
when Hugiiks and the [redacted] were returning from
California. Mrs. [redacted] had asked [redacted] to visit her
sometime at her residence in South Bend.

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[redacted] asked [redacted] about Steve Tandarick who had
been deported to Yugoslavia. [redacted] stated that Steve
Tandarick had obtained a temporary stay and that the
charges against him had been that he had entered the U.S.
illegally upon his return from Spain during the 1930's
where he had fought with the Abraham Lincoln brigade in
the Spanish Civil War. [redacted] stated that Tandarick
actually had gone to Yugoslavia voluntarily through Canada.
[redacted] stated that Tandarick will reapply for a visa and
try to re-enter the United States. [redacted] stated that
Tandarick had an American born wife and two American born
children.

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The meeting on behalf of "The Worker" started at
about 8:55 PM. Geraldine Lightfoot opened the meeting.
She talked about Henry Winston, a leader of the Communist

Party who was serving a sentence in a Federal prison. Geraldine mentioned that there had been a lot of trouble concerning Winston's health and that they had taken him to a private hospital and a private physician. Geraldine thanked those who had sent greetings to Winston and had aided him financially. She urged everyone to write to President Eisenhower asking for executive clemency on behalf of Winston inasmuch as he was a very sick man.

The chairman of this meeting whose name was not obtained has chaired at previous NCFEB meetings. He is described as white, male, age 60, 5'8", 200 lbs., gray hair. He apparently is from Chicago.

The chairman talked about the corruption in the City Government in Chicago. He then talked concerning "The Worker" and how desperately the "Worker" needed money. He then started the collections with asking for \$100 donations. A man whose first name was Don in celebration of his 70th birthday contributed \$100. Some nationality groups contributed \$25 each as well as Anton Witkovich. There were then smaller donations in the amounts of \$10, \$5, and \$1. The total collection was \$372.50.

The chairman of the meeting then introduced Gus Hall, Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States. Hall stated his speech at about 10:10 PM.

Hall stated that "The Worker" was a very important paper because 1960 was an election year. He said that it was the only paper that brought the truth to the working man. Hall talked about the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party USA where it was decided that the number of subs to this paper were going to be increased by 1/3. He mentioned that it was also decided that the number of members of the Communist Party would be increased by this amount.

Hall continued that Comrade William Z. Foster, Chairman of the CP, USA, had said that the Party must go out to the workers and point out to them that "The Worker" is the only paper that backs the workers. He said that Foster had stated that in an election year the Communist Party members must support the candidates for Congress and the Senate and actually back the worker and not the big bosses.

Hall said that he of course did not know who was going to be elected President in 1960, but that whoever was President was going to run into trouble because of the high expenditures and over production of commodities. He said that the only way out is to make peace with the Socialist countries and to trade with them. He said that Russia alone can use up the surplus of goods in the United States.

Hall urged that everyone present purchase the February issue of "Political Affairs" which contained a complete report on the 17th National Convention of the Party.

Hall mentioned Gil Green, a convicted and imprisoned communist leader, and Henry Winston who were both serving outrageous sentences because of their political beliefs.

Hall mentioned the appropriation proposed for the investigating committees of Congress in the amount of \$375,000. He said that this money was to be appropriated so these committees could have more fun and work against labor. He said that these committees according to the Constitution of the United States were actually illegal.

At this point the meeting adjourned and it was about 10:35 PM.

On the way out [redacted] met Emanuel Blum and his wife. [redacted] mentioned to them that he had been in Chicago on business and stayed over for the meeting. Emanuel Blum left the group whereupon [redacted] remarked to Mrs. Blum that his son and his son's friend were waiting for him since they had gone to a show and that he had to meet them at 11:00.

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FD-306 (3-21-58)

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Remarks:

Informant's report translated by SA [Redacted]

Action: 1. Information contained herein disseminated to pertinent files by channelizing memorandum.

2. Oral information for lead purposes' only; not reduced to writing.

ECP:aro (24) 3. Index 16th of March Group to 109-26; [Redacted] to 100-5235

3 - New York

- 1 - CPUSA Int'l Relations
- 1 - CPUSA Membership
- 1 - CPUSA Funds

- 1 - 100-20 sub 12 (Membership)
- 1 - 100-20 sub 15 (Organization)
- 1 - 100-6312 (Pueblo)
- 1 - 100-4679 [Redacted]
- 1 - 100-5029 (PSP)
- 1 - 109-26 (Fidel Castro)
- 1 - 97-92 (26th of July)
- 1 - 100-5235 [Redacted]

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21 - San Juan

- 1 - 100-955 [Redacted]
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Special Report about Meeting PCP

Sunday, March 6, 1960 from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at
Caserio Las Casas, residence of [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: To listen to SANTOS' report about his trip to
New York and Cuba.

PRESENT: [REDACTED]

Before starting his report, SANTOS stated he had heard in
New York some report related to the loyalty of members of
that Party.

Then SANTOS explained all about his trip to New York, accusing
the FBI as being responsible for the accident he suffered there.

Of the points that SANTOS mentioned, the most important were:

1. That now the American Party has 10 Puerto Rican members
in their ranks. He did not mention the names of these people.
2. Also mentioned that the American Party is sending a tape
recorder, loudspeakers and other things that are needed.
Stated that each month some money will be received but as
yet the quantity is not known that will be sent.
3. SANTOS declared that "it is of great importance that
we always send at least one delegate to the Congresses
that are celebrated in Latin America."
4. About his voyage to Cuba, one of the things he mentioned
was that [REDACTED] is expected in Cuba, invited by
the Cuban Party.
5. In Cuba he spoke at five different gatherings in one day.
At some of them he was presented as President of the PCP,
while at others he was presented as a labor leader.

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Then SANTOS, in order to clarify this, explained that in Cuba
there are three groups that support the revolution and FIDEL
CASTRO; the 26th of July, the 16th of March group and the PSP.

The first two groups are not communists; nevertheless they do not dare to make anti-communist statements.

SANTOS mentioned that he saw [] He is working in a small cigar factory. The Cuban Party has him under observation because something was heard about some deviations and for this reason they are postponing his admission to the Party.

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[] indicated that his son, [] is working in the government of FIDEL CASTRO.

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SANTOS informed about the sugar plantations. He indicated that on almost all the farms there is at least one member of the Cuban Party directing the cooperatives and the Agrarian Reform.

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On 3/9/60 informant orally furnished the following information:

SANTOS stated that in New York and Cuba he was warned that somebody near to the PCP was an agent or spy. He indicated that all members must be careful about what was discussed during the meeting of 3/6/60 and being that the group is small, it would not be difficult to determine who the disloyal person is.

There was no mention about the amount of money to be sent by the CP, USA, nor how it would be received. All money presently gathered by that Party, from sale of "Pueblo," etc., is maintained by [] in her residence. There is no indication that the PCP has any bank account.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 4/8/60

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NY DISTRICT
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ReNYlet, 2/10/60.

As of 4/1/60, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members 1829

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68)(RM)
- 1 - New York (100-26603)(NY STATE CP)(414)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C40)(BRONX)(421)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C41)(QUEENS)(423)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C42)(NEW YORK)(424)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C43)(KINGS)(422)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C44)(WESTCHESTER)(421)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C45)(NASSAU)(423)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C39)(RICHMOND)(421)
- 1 - New York (100-132430)(INDUSTRIAL DIVISION)(42)
- ① - New York (100-80638)(CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)(415)
- 1 - New York (100-128817)(414)

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(2)	Number of members identified since last progress letter	157
(3)	Number of members identified to date	963
(4)	Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	28
(5)	Number tentatively identified as CP members to date	105

Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification,
"T" represents tentative identifications.)

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>Total 2/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>New Since 2/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>Deletions and Transfers P/T</u>	<u>Net Change P/T</u>	<u>Total 4/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>Estimated Current Membership</u>
Bronx County	181/17	14/3	-16/-11	-2/-8	179/9	250
Kings County	154/24	18/6	-4/-15	14/-9	168/15	318
Queens County	121/15	16/0	-5/0	11/0	132/15	150
Richmond County*	5/0	7/1	0/0	7/1	12/1	
NY County	213/7	67/5	-5/0	62/5	275/12	500
Nassau County	13/2	4/0	0/-1	4/-1	17/1	61
Westchester County	10/0	6/2	-2/0	4/2	14/2	50
Industrial	156/40	25/11	-15/-1	10/10	166/50	500
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* Richmond County is considered by CP as a section of NY County.

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No information has been received to vary the estimated number of CP members. The current estimate continues to be based on the information set forth on Page 4 of relet. The information subsequently received as set forth below substantiates the previous estimate. [redacted] as of February, 1960, estimated the Bronx County CP membership to be 250. [redacted] on 3/28/60 estimated the Queens County CP membership to be 150. [redacted] on 4/6/60, estimated the Kings County CP membership to be 320.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: April 6, 1960

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Information has been obtained that a leading functionary in one Communist Party (CP) district recently stated that in the future there will be a more centralized control of transfers of Party members from one area to another. All such transfers must clear through the district headquarters and records relating to transfers, as well as to recruits and dues payments, will be maintained in code. District and section membership lists will not be maintained but each club has the responsibility of being able to account for the number of members, transfers, illnesses, deaths, drop-outs, and other pertinent facts relating to that club.

From the foregoing it appears the Party is continuing to utilize strict security measures in keeping its records. The possibility exists that the procedure outlined above will be utilized in other Party districts. This matter is being brought to your attention so that proper direction may be given your investigations in important Bureau programs such as membership identification and funds, as well as to your over-all investigation of CP activities in your division.

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Letter to SAC, Albany
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
MEMBERSHIP
100-3-68

It is incumbent on you to determine the nature of any Party records which might be available to your office and to ascertain the identity of the individual maintaining these records. Every available investigative technique should be considered in these investigations so we will procure every shred of information which might be of assistance in identifying CP members and in obtaining information relating to CP financial transactions. Information relating to these matters is of particular significance at this time because of the Party's recruiting program, its fund drive and the programs of organizational readjustment being undertaken in many districts.

You will be expected to afford the investigation of all CP activities continuous supervision so that you can be assured your coverage is sufficient to provide you with current data relating to all phases of CP activity in your division at all times.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 4/8/60

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE THE VERY NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION TENDS TO IDENTIFY A HIGHLY PLACED AND SENSITIVE INFORMANT.

On 3/17/60, NY 2858-S* advised that on above date an informal discussion took place in the office occupied by PHIL BART at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, between BART and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

According to the informant, the discussion pertained to a trip LIGHTFOOT is making to the West Coast. It was stated that LIGHTFOOT would be in Los Angeles on April 30, and is to speak there that evening. LIGHTFOOT will then go to San Francisco on May 1, and possibly have a meeting there after which he will return to Los Angeles to remain for three additional days. It was indicated that LIGHTFOOT would probably leave on this trip from Chicago on April 27.

LIGHTFOOT asked BART for \$300 as a personal advance on the budget and BART said there would be no problem in that.

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-69) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (INFO) (RM)
(1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
- 1 - Denver (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - New York (100-7629) (COMINFIL NAACP) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (415)

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Continuing, BART remarked to LIGHTFOOT that he has worked three days on the report concerning Party clubs.... BART then indicated the re-establishment of an organization in Denver...and said that he had received a letter from New Mexico from a Mexican-American who was in the Party years ago and who wishes to come back...and re-establish the Party. BART said "I" think we must work out some system of contact.

LIGHTFOOT said that he has two or three projects to work on in the future, one of them being the NAACP convention. LIGHTFOOT then utilized the added security of the blackboard but this information was not available to the informant.

The above is set out for informational purposes.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18952)

DATE: 4/11/60

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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On March 28, 1960, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided for photostating a letter, dated February 19, 1960, from GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA (CP), 23 West 26th Street, New York 10, New York, which had attached to it a questionnaire and handwritten letter which referred to the youth club within the 9th Congressional Section of Illinois. Photostat copies of this letter and attached document are retained in Chicago file 100-18952-1A, and read as follows:

"February 19, 1960

"Dear Club Chairman:

"Greetings! In a very real sense you are the keeper of the Party. You are the leader of our Party at the point of production. You are the pilot at the point where our policies are given the test of life, of reality. This is generally accepted. But what is not always fully realized is that you are also at the point where our policies get their spark, their initial start. A thought for a full policy can begin only from real experience and not from abstract discussions -- from some experience that you as club chairman participate in yourself, or from experiences that you hear from your club members daily.

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(GUS HALL)

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1 - 100-22022 (CP of Illinois, 9th Congressional Section)

1 - 100-18957 (CP of Illinois, Youth Matters)

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"One of the most stubborn weaknesses of our Party is that we do not get the full benefit of such experiences, and we in the leading bodies need those so-called small experiences like life needs the sun. This includes summarized experiences, individual experiences, reactions both mass and individual to our ideals, experiences in struggle or even just individual expressions and discussions. Above all we need your frank reactions as club chairman to our policies, to our press, to our speeches, to our leaflets. Otherwise we may be putting out material that we think meets the problems of the day but we might actually be shooting far off the mark.

"We want to take steps to assure the correction of this weakness and guarantee the continued flow of ideas in both-districts. We would like very much to get your thinking on how best we can accomplish this.

"In order to get a clearer picture of our Party, we are enclosing a short questionnaire. Please fill it out to the best of your ability and return it as soon as possible. Also send in your thoughts on any other matter that you may think important to our Party.

"Please feel free to express your thoughts on any question, whether positive or negative, whether political or personal. Use as many extra sheets as you want to and attach them to the questionnaire. But please return all of this material by March 15th, either to your section or state office. If for some reason you can not have this in by the 15th, send it as soon after that date as possible. If for some reason you do not want to sign or indicate the name of the club, this is perfectly alright because what we are interested in is getting the generalized picture of the Party.

"Thanking you for your cooperation and hoping to hear from you, not only in answer to the questionnaire, but at any time, I am

"Comradely yours,

"/s/ G. Hall

"Gus Hall,
"General Secretary"

"(Feb 1960)

Questionnaire

"Kind of club. Shop Industrial Neighborhood Other Youth

"How many do you estimate as the total membership of your club? In other words, how many consider themselves members of the club whether they pay dues or attend meetings or not? 8 How many members pay dues? 8

"How many come to meetings once a year twice a year

"How many are Negro 1 Puerto Rican -- Mexican-American --

"How many are workers 87 farmers students 1 professionals 2
in business unemployed

"Approximately how many of your members are younger than 30 years of age

"How many are 50 or over none

"How long have you, yourself, been a member of the Party 1 year

"How often does your club meet every other week

"How many leaflets has your club issued during the past year none

"How many Worker readers are there in your club area or jurisdiction 15

"How many Political Affairs does your club sell 8

"How many club members read Political Affairs 8

"Do you have educational discussions, classes or lectures yes all

"What mass organizations do the members belong to NAACP, YMCA, AAO, Joint Civic Committee on/elect., Riverdale Women Club, B'nai B'rith

"What is the main mass work led by your club or by your club members not yet determined

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"What, concretely, has your club done about:

"the 17th Convention resolutions Discussion

"the 1960 elections Nothing

"civil rights legislation Sit in Boycott Movement

"questions of discrimination " " "

"the struggle for peace Discussion

"Do you have any plans for the work of the coming year? in line with youth rel. of 17th Conv.

"How would you estimate the leadership or help you get from your section, county, state or national?

"* WORKERS
2 Engineers
1 student
1 housewife
1 white collar
3 prod. workers

"**

Because we are a youth club, we need more participation of older party members in our meetings--for their experiences. We also need more leadership in mass movements."

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[redacted] advised that the original copies of the above document were prepared by [redacted] Membership Chairman of the Youth Club, and turned over to [redacted] Section Chairman, 9th Congressional Section, CP of Illinois.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, BUFFALO

DATE: 4/12/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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2 - Buffalo (100-) (CP, USA) (RM)
(1-100-10454) (MORT SCHEER)

- [REDACTED]
- 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (414)
 - 1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (414)
 - 1 - NY 100-71105 [REDACTED] (424)
 - 1 - NY 100-50094 [REDACTED] (424)
 - 1 - NY 100- (JIM LNU (Negro), suggested setting up of Sane Committees at instant convention) (412)
 - 1 - NY 100- (FNU WEINSTEIN (Brooklyn) (422)
 - 1 - NY 100- (IVAN LNU, spoke on importance of "Party" education at instant convention) (412)
 - 1 - NY 100-9595 (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (414)
 - 1 - NY 100-89179 [REDACTED] (421)
 - 1 - NY 100-133660 [REDACTED] (424)
 - 1 - NY 100-228 [REDACTED] (414)
 - 1 - NY 100-95550 (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (421)
 - 1 - NY 100-26018 (LOU WEINSTOCK) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-129629 (BILL ALBERTSON) (414)
 - 1 - NY 100- (HY LNU (Nassau Co.) (423)
 - 1 - NY 100-54555 [REDACTED] (4)
 - 1 - NY 100-25821 [REDACTED] (421)
 - 1 - NY 100-93665 [REDACTED] (421)
 - 1 - NY 100- (SEYMOUR (LNU) (Queens) (423)
 - 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-15785 (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-64662 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-13204 [REDACTED]

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1 - NY 100-13203 (GEORGE MORRIS) (415)
1 - NY 100-111666 [REDACTED] (415)
1 - NY 100- (MILLIE (LNU) (Harlem) (421)
1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)
1 - NY 100-82206 (AL (described as Negro porter at Party hdqtrs.) (possibly WILLIAM STANLEY) (421)
1 - NY 100-133594 (FSS) (41)
1 - NY 100-132488 (INDUSTRIAL DIV., GARMENT REGION) (424)
1 - NY 100-128804 (CP, NYD - YOUTH MATTERS) (414)
1 - NY 100-80644 (CP, USA - YOUTH MATTERS) (415)
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1 - NY 100-128817 (CP, NYD - MEMBERSHIP) (414)
1 - NY 100-7629 (COMINFIL NAACP) (41)
1 - NY 100-140528 (SANE) (41)
1 - NY 100-128815 (CP, NYD - NEGRO QUESTION) (414)
1 - NY 100-128812 (CP, NYD - POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (414)
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1 - NY 100-128314 (CP, NYD - FUNDS) (414)
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1 - NY 100-26603-C40 (CP, NYD - BRONX) (421)
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1 - NY 100-26603-C42 (CP, NYD - MANHATTAN) (421)
1 - NY 100-26603-C41 (CP, NYD - QUEENS) (423)
1 - NY 100-26603-C166 (CP, NYD - LOWER EAST SIDE) (424)
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in past (conceal)

Description of Info: Report on the 11/27,28,29/59 Convention of NYD, CP.

Date received: 3/21/60

Received by: SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)

Original location: [redacted]

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Extreme care should be used in handling and reporting following information to protect identity of source.

It is noted that informant's report is dated 3/1/60, while the date of the activity is 11/27,28,29/59. Informant advised that shortly after the convention [redacted] After [redacted] informant visited his [redacted] for about four weeks. On his return, he advised he misplaced his notes on the convention--and, on finding them late in February, he prepared the above report, starting on 3/1/60 and ending 3/10/60.

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

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Report

Communist Party U.S.A.
Activities.

March 1, 1960
New York.

Re: N. Y. State C.P. Convention on Nov. 27, 28, 29, 1959.

The chairman of the first session, Nov. 27th, 1959, of the N. Y. State C.P. convention was WILLIAM PATTERSON, general manager of The Worker.

PATTERSON opened the convention with a few remarks of unity in the party. The convention approved the recommendations of having the different convention committees, such as the Presiding Committee, Credentials Comm., Regulations Comm., Press Comm., Auditing Comm.

PATTERSON announced that the final session of this convention will be held on Jan. 9th, 1960.

BEN DAVIS, chairman N. Y. State C.P., made the main report. His report took about 2½ hours. DAVIS stated that there were differences of opinion on different questions in this report of his. This is "one report. (not different reports by different groups within the party) General line of this report was approved by the State (N.Y.) Committee." DAVIS congratulated the membership and the leadership for maintaining the C.P. "in the teeth of relentless attempts....to destroy it...The maintenance of the party, and this convention particularly, demonstrates anew the truth and invincibility of the science of Marxism-Leninism.."

DAVIS spoke of the "contributions" the party made "to the people." He mentioned the pilgrimage to Washington; the youth marches; the hospital strikes; housing and school struggles; job discrimination (in the Bronx, "led by the NAACP" in which "our comrades participated successfully") and the work of "party comrades on the lower East side in connection with juvenile delinquency."

DAVID also spoke of the "political action" during the 1958 elections

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in which "our party made outstanding contributions."

He spoke of the headway the party is making in connection with the youth movement. He said that the way has been opened to launch a Marxist youth organization. "We are proud of the fact that many N. Y. youth played a central role in Vienna (at the Youth Festival) in combating the disruptive activities of the (American) State Depart.... Those youth who rallied around the militant lead of the N. Y. delegation saved the honor of the United States."

DAVIS spoke of the important role of the C.P. in the peace movement and he underlined that the "image of the communist party as a militant fighting organization has begun to appear on the streets and in the minds of the workers of New York." He spoke of the "tremendous success" of the May Day (1959) demonstration.

He spoke of the revisionist elements in the party during the period of the 16th national convention which tried to liquidate the party claiming that the N. Y. organization comes to the 17th national convention with a "high degree of stabilization...and organizational unity."

DAVIS stated that former party members are beginning to return to the C.P.

DAVIS told the convention that the 17th national convention should adopt a policy of "Everything for mass work." He spoke of the struggle for housing, health, schools, etc. underlining that a realistic program of action.... "Will light the path, through the experience of the masses, to socialism."....

DAVIS spoke of fighting the cold war underlining that if the military budget were cut by 23 billion dollars N. Y. State could save in taxes some 4 billion dollars. He advocated to turn "the cold war billions to the use of the people."

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DAVIS spoke of the struggle of the negro and Puerto Rican people, claiming that "inspired by the colonial liberation movements in Asia, Latin America and Africa and by the growing power of the world socialist system...." are leading the way in political action and economic struggles.

On the question of youth DAVIS spoke of the establishment of a "Marxist-oriented youth organization but it should not be" a replica of the communist party nor some sort of a liberal organization....It should be frankly Marxist in character...It should frankly prepare these youth in education and activity for a change in the degenerate system of capitalism..."

On the question of peace, DAVIS stated that the KHRUSHCHEV visit to the U.S.A. "considerably reduced international tension..." that "peacefull coexistence is no longer a matter of choice ... KHRUSHCHEV's visit to our country opened new possibilities for realizing the desires of the people for peace..." but he warned that... "powerfull forces in our country"...are trying to "prevent the Eisenhower trip (to the Soviet Union) from taking place" and he listed among the "cold war mongers" the "oil monopolist NELSON ROCKEFELLER, TRUMAN and ACHESON." He spoke of the peace expressions in N. Y. State as reflected in the churches, Women's organizations, Quaker groups, etc. He underlined the Sane Nuclear Committee which has risen to a "deserved position of importance and influence" and he attacked labor leaders GEORGE MEANY, DAVE DUBINSKY and WALTER RUTHER of being "more anti-soviet and more cold war than some of the biggest U. S. imperialists." He stated that the C.P. has a job to do in "combining the struggle for peace with social and economic needs..." "our party is the only party of peace in New York State," DAVIS stated..."our party has a unique ideological role in pointing out that the struggle for peace is not an attractive, but should take place against powerful monopolist forces who coin super profits from the cold war and world tension..we have a job of popularizing the magnificent peace tale of the Soviet Union....The American people have today an

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opportunity to enter the bright days of peaceful coexistence..."

On the question of the labor movement, DAVIS said that the task of the C.P. is to "fight for the supremacy of progressive class struggle policies against big business on the economic front, for an advance in independent political action"...etc., He spoke on the importance of the formation of the Negro Labor Council. DAVIS declared that the expansion of the C.P. influence in the labor movement is the "backbone of the party's work-every county, section and club."

He spoke of the 1960 elections. He declared that the C.P. must be "a crusader for a third party" and "our party must be bolder in bringing forward its own program and candidates..."

DAVIS spoke of democratic centralism and of the vanguard role of the C.P. and on ideological problems. He spoke on the need to step up the campaign against Trotskyism, right-way social democrats and reformists and he also attacked the ultra left for it advocates "outmoded formulas like self-determination," etc. and did "tremendous harm to the party in negro, Puerto Rican and waterfront work."

DAVIS_ report also contained an outline of the "struggle for negro rights" in which he underlined that the struggle against "white chauvinism is still the main task in the battle for negro rights."

DAVIS spoke of the building of a "collective leadership" and he gave a 6-point plan of building the C.P. and the press which includes the suggestion of issuing an appeal to all former C.P. members to return to the party.

DAVIS concluded his report by stating that "being a communist today is a matter of human dignity...,we hold our membership in the party as a matter of honor...we shall move forward from this convention, exuding confidence and enthusiasm toward the triumph

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of all that is fine and noble in the dreams of the American people and of all of mankind."

Second session, Morning, Nov. 28th, 1959.

MATTY (from Buffalo) was chairman.

[redacted] spoke on the building of the Worker: how the paper is being sold by party people from the needle trades to workers in the garment center.

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[redacted] spoke on the vanguard role of the C.P. She underlined the importance of building a youth organization; to participate in the mass struggles of the people; to struggle for peace; to fight for the "legality of the party and on the need to complete the bourgeois revolution"--on the negro question. Talking on the 1960 elections, [redacted] said that the C.P. should "utilize every movement of the people" and she stated that the C.P. should run its own candidates wherever it is possible and that the C.P. clubs "should become the central point of our activities."

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JIM (a negro) said that he is proud to see that a negro (BEN DAVIS) is the head of the organization (N.Y.C.P.) He spoke of the "growing militancy of the rank-and-file of the party" and he suggested to set up Sane Nuclear Policy Committees.

WEINSTEIN (Brooklyn) declared that "Brooklyn is back in the party." He spoke of the organization of a "counter-offensive to roll back the attacks on labor." He said that local 185 (? in B'lyn) will run a negro candidate in the 17 A.D.

WM. WEINSTONE spoke of the Soviet Union as a "new world." He stated that "Moscow is the capital city of the socialist world." He said that thousands of students come to Moscow from many different nations. He spoke of the "aggressive role of the party which is the vanguard of the working class" and that the party is

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getting over the "effects of revisionism." He underlined that the KHRUSHCHEV visit "stirred up the imagination of the American people and also the people of the Soviet Union" and he asked to "revitalize the left and progressives."

[redacted] spoke about the "UnAmerican Activities Committee." She urged to fight for the freedom of the "political prisoners" and for the "legality of the party."

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A woman delegate (no name given) spoke of the role of women in the 1960 elections. Suggested to set up a women's commission. Also: to build the party, the press and literature.

ARTHUR (negro) spoke of class struggle and he underlined that "socialism is now a reality."

IVAN spoke on the importance of "party" education claiming that party members lack marxist education

WM. PATTERSON claimed that the "negro question is the most important question. Every struggle is linked with the negro question." He stated that the "United Nations is the broadest united front in the world" and that "universal rights means the completion of the bourgue revolution."

[redacted] spoke on the importance of working with all the national groups on such questions as peace and coexistence. She claimed that the "Jewish movement is dominated by a small group of capitalists but the Jewish masses are for the socialist revolution."

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A delegate from Buffalo--a steel worker_ claimed that the Unamerican Activities Committee "failed (in Buffalo) to destroy the base of the party in steel, auto, etc." He said that the C.P. bulletin in Buffalo, "Searchlight" is popular among the workers and that the C.P. is the only organization which called a mass meeting on the situation in the steel strike.

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PAUL ROBESON, JR. spoke on communist theory in conjunction with the negro question.

Chairman reads a letter from LOU WEINSTOCK from the Soviet Union: greetings to the convention.

Third session, afternoon_ Nov. 28th, 1959:

BILL ALBERTSON reports that March 1958 was the "turning point in the life of the party." He stated that the C.P. lost 73% of its members after the 16th national convention. The C.P. is now active in different mass struggles and "reestablished relation with labor." He underlined that C.P. participation in the elections in Harlem helped ADAM POWEL in the youth march. ALBERTSON claimed that the N.Y.C.P. distributed 65,000 "flyers" on Hiroshima. He suggested to double the N. Y. State party membership by the next convention.

"We fight for a better life today and for socialism." He called for a fight for "full equality of negro and Puerto Rican workers." He called for strengthening the fight for coexistence and for labor as an independent force in the 1960 elections. He spoke of having C.P. candidates in the 1960 elections and he underlined that the C.P. should be the center of communist activities. ALBERTSON called upon the party members to build The Worker underlining that "the press is the key feature of our work." He called for a 50% increase of The Worker circulation by 1960. BILL told the convention that on Jan. 9th, 1960 there will be a report of the 1959 fund drive; that only 63% of the fund drive quota was raised.

HY - Nassau County. Spoke on the KHRUSHCHEV visit: "We can not just sit down and wait for results. We must fight for the implementation of the KHRUSHCHEV visit." He advocated to set up "everywhere Committees for a Sane Nuclear Policy and fight for peace and coexistence."

stated that the fact that "all of us" at this convention help to formulate a policy is "a sign of growth and

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austerity." She claimed that the Manhattan County C.P. recruited 50 members for the C.P. in the last 2 years. "We need a correct line. The people will listen to us if we will have a correct policy."

[redacted] spoke on "language difficulties" when working in the national groups.

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[redacted] spoke on juvenile delinquency which are "displaced people in the jungle of capitalism." He claims to be inspired by BEN's report.

[redacted] stated that "we are firmly on the earth again. We are not floating any more." Speaking of the KHRUSHCHEV visit she said: "KHRUSHCHEV has a all C.P., a whole nation, a whole world looking him up. He has kept his eye on the main enemy-- monopoly capitalism. Our job is to make clear to the people who the main enemy is. We must help them to recognize the main enemy." She said that efforts will be made to "mobilize the Bronx to elect a negro in 1960."

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MAX - painter_ stated that the party is now again set to do "real" work.

A negro delegate asked to fight for the recognition of the communist government of China. He spoke about the "democratic revolution" in Cuba and he spoke against the "self determination" of American negroes. "The negro people do not constitute a nation. The negro is a part of the American nation."

A delegate called upon the party to "regroup and revitalize the left."

SEYMORE - Queens. Spoke of the C.P. as a party of struggle "for today and tomorrow."

BETTY GANNETT spoke on party education and on the role played in

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this field by the Faculty of Social Science.

Fourth session - Nov. 29th, 1959:

- chairman.

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Report from Credential Committee:

The C.P. elected 155 delegates and alternates_ 20 delegates are absent.

Regular delegates 128, alternates 27.
Of these there are 99 men and 56 women. There are 28 observers.
Of those elected are 134 white and 21 negro.

Manhattan has 39 delegates. Present 39.
10 Alt. _ present 9

Industry----	43 d., present	39.	10 alt., present	6
Bronx	-21	18.	5	5
Brookly_	-17	14.	4	3
Queen_	- 6	6.	2	2
Upstate	- 8	6.	1	0
U	- 3	3.	1	1
N.	- 4	3.	1	1

21 - negroes
7 - Latin Americans
5 - Irish
4 - Italian
17 - U.S.A.
83 - Jews
18 - others

76 - Trade Unionists
79 - Community mass organizations,

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Age groups:

18 to 25 years	- 5
26 - 35	- 22
36 - 45	- 32
46 - 55	- 51
56 - 65	- 37
65 +	- 8

Occupations

Industry	- 72
White collar	- 35
Professionals	- 26
Students	- 2
Self empl.	- 2
Housing	- 16
Retired	- 2

Years in the C.P.

Under 1 year	- 1
to 5 years	- 9
6 to 10	- 13
11 - 15	- 17
16 - 20	- 20
21 - 30	- 61
31 - 39	- 17
Charter M.	- 17

JAMES JACKSON spoke on the 1960 elections. He said that each "cold-warrior" should be "attacked and exposed" during the 1960 election campaign. He attacked TRUMAN, ACHENSON and Gov. ROCKEFELLER. He stated that "peace is main issue in our time" He spoke of the "vanguard role" of the C.P. and of the importance of working in trade unions and mass organizations and to work in such a way as "not to embarrass" those organizations. JACKSON said that "communists are ordinary people trying to do extraordinary things." He declared that the "negro people and the white people have the same common enemy."

ABE stated that "we are now going in in a period of peace" and that the "U. S. isn't anymore the sole possessor of nuclear power. We should base our program on this assumption."

SAM asked to fight for "our comrades who are still in the jails. We have accepted illegality and now we have reached the point where

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we will start moving openly." BILL ALBERTSON announced that 36 delegates and 14 altern. were nominated to the C.P. national convention.

[redacted] underlined the importance of working (C.P.) in the "mass movements of the people" _

ARNOLD JOHNSON said that "KHRUSHCHEV does in the cold war what STALIN did in the hot war." He said that KHRUSHCHEV's program of disarmament was "listened by 2 billion people" and that "the shift to peace should be used by us at the coming elections." He called for a fight for the defense of the C.P. and for amnesty.

Fifth and last session - Nov. 29th, 1959.

Because of being dissatisfied with the caucuses on the election of delegates to the national convention, [redacted] (Bronx) JACK and ED took their case to the convention floor. At the suggestion of ALBERTSON the above mentioned 3 were elected by the convention as "fraternal delegates."

EDIE reads the trade union resolution which calls to "defeat the offensive of monopoly;" the T. H. law and to concentrate on steel and auto in Buffalo and garment industry in N. Y. - OK'd by convention _

MATTY (Buffalo) spoke on the need of a Labor Party. He asked to start "agitation for it immediately. _

IRVING POTASH spoke on the American labor movement and the role of the C.P.

[redacted] - clothing worker_ complained that the (American) trade union leadership is not ready to end the cold war and that because of the cold war the taxes are "eating up the earnings of the workers."

GEORGE MORRIS spoke about the "state industrial revolution" in New York.

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FRANCES proposed to have a detailed state labor resolution ready when this convention will reconvene on Jan. 9th, 1960_

JACK SHULMAN made a strong attack upon Gov. ROCKEFELLER for his proposal to renew nuclear tests.

The convention approved the sending of greetings to Wm. FOSTER - "as a firm Marxist-Leninist_"

MILLIE - Harlem. Spoke on the draft resolution and asked to ammend this resolution. She stated that the "negro women need socialism in order to survive."

MATTY - Buffalo_ spoke on the "emergence of the party in connection with the situation of the steel workers." He asked for the organization of "united labor forums" and to put up labor candidates in 1960 and to do "political work in the shops_"

SEYMORE. Reads resolutions: a message of greeting to "Pop" MINDEL; to form a youth organization; to start a recruiting and education campaigns_ - adopted.

SOFIA ("braided") and PAUL spoke on the importance of attracting youth to the C.P.

A youth claimed that "youth is looking to you for direction of it's rebelious expression."

BILL ALBERTSON stated that "the party is not setting up any youth organization. We can pledge support to such an organization." He under lined that such an organization will have a "socialist ideology" and that the educational program will be "based on Marxism-Leninism."

BETTY GANNETT in the name of the resolutions committee asks: To adopt DAVIS's report; ALBERTSON's report; to issue a call to all former C.P. members to rejoin the party; to reffer all resolutions to the next session (Jan. 9th) of the convention; to send a telegram to the governor on the case of Willie Reed; to indorse the draft resolution; need of united action of the working class to assure peacefull coexistence; to preserve and extend labor gains; to help advance the growing negro youth movement; to

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to influence the outcome of the 1960 elections to promote coalitions for pro-labor representation; united action of all progressive forces against T. H. and similar laws; to influence the people against reactionaries. For peace and security. For social changes and for transition to socialism; For recognition of China and to end all kind of nuclear testings. All above resolutions adopted.

MIKE - industry. Call for "unity and action not discussions,"

MAX - industry_ speaks against MIKE.

JACK STACHEL claims that this is an "excellent convention" and that he is not affraid of "clarifying certain points (referring to MIKE and MAX) and discuss errors_ "

WM. WEINSTONE speaks against MAX. He brings up the issue of the Hungarian revolution (he justifies the suppression of it) and the struggle against the right and left in the party.

speaks for unity in the party.

JESUS COLON proposes: to "mobilize public opinion for the Cuban people" and asks to organize help for the Cuban children and to send delegation to Cuba. To call a conference on the question of the Puerto Rican people. Against the activities of the UnAmerican Activities Committee in Puerto Rico. For full independence for Puerto Rico. - adopted by convention.

PAUL ROBESON proposes that the negro resolution should be incorporated in the Draft resolution. - adopted.

PATTERSON: to insert in the resolution the part of the UN charter on Human rights.

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AL - The porter at party headq. negro underlines that the "main enemy of the negro people are the Dixiecrats."

MORO proposes to organize "Marxist-Leninist cadres" among the negro people_

Mrs. JACKSON - negro, Brooklyn_ speaks against the negro resolution.

Chairman asked the delegates to take the amnesty postal cards to "send and to distribute among friends." Also - to hold on to the delegate cards for the convention on Jan. 9th. "The county committees will let the delegates know the place of the convention."

BEN DAVIS makes a few closing remarks in which he underlines that this was "a wonderfulll convention."

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AIR MAIL - REG.

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-26239)

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CS SF 2276-S* on 4/11/60 advised that PHIL BART, National Org. Secretary of the CP, USA, addressed a letter dated 4/7/60 to All Districts. BART declared that the questionnaire addressed to All Clubs must be submitted to the National organization no later than 5/1/60. BART also pointed out that at the National Convention and at a National Committee meeting, it was agreed that 30 clubs should be selected throughout the country and that the activities of these clubs and their work be placed under the leadership of a National Committee member to help the work of the clubs selected and to strengthen the entire Party organization.

2 photostats of the foregoing letter are enclosed for the information of the Bureau and 1 photostat is enclosed for the information of New York.

- 3 - Bureau (ENCLS. 2) (AM REG.)
- 1 - New York (ENCL. 1) (AM REG.)
- 1 - Los Angeles (AM REG.)
- 1 - San Diego (AM REG.)
- 2 - San Francisco
- 1 - 100-41858 - CINAL

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April 7, 1960

TO ALL DISTRICTS

Dear Comrades:

The Secretariat at its last meeting decided that the questionnaire addressed by Comrade Gus Hall to all clubs must be sent to the national organization no later than May 1st. We call on you to send them all in as soon as possible. If some are not completed, please inform us of the date when we will receive them. Thus far only a few districts responded.

We also wish to call to your attention that at the National Convention and at the National Committee meeting, it was agreed that 30 clubs be selected throughout the country giving each district latitude to determine the number of clubs for selection and designating a leading person in charge of that club. That the activities of these clubs and their work under the leadership of a National Committee member or any other leading person be not only of help to that club, but their experiences will serve to strengthen the whole Party organization.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart,
National Org. Secretary

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: April 14, 1960

FROM: ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-68)

SUBJECT: ✓ COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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In a letter dated April 7, 1960, addressed to all members of the Communist Party (CP), USA, national committee and to CP districts, Phil Bart, national organization secretary, stated CP, USA, secretariat is concerned with the slowness with which reports and decisions of the national committee reach the Party membership. Several suggestions were set forth as to methods which might be used in getting this material to the members more expeditiously.

One of the recommendations made was that national committee members be made available to report directly to club meetings and to work out plans with the clubs. It was recommended that all national committee members in New York be utilized for club meetings in New York City and in CP districts close to New York. In other districts, national committee members and "other leading comrades" would be assigned for that purpose. It was further recommended that club meetings be held during the period April 20 to May 10, 1960, to hear reports relating to the national committee meeting held in Chicago, March 25-27, 1960.

In those districts where the foregoing suggestions are accepted and implemented, an excellent opportunity will be presented to conduct investigations leading to the identification of CP clubs and Party members not identified to date. Each office receiving this letter covers the residence of one or more members of the national committee. The Bureau requests that serious consideration be given by each office to intensifying the coverage of all national committee members within its division during the period April 20 to May 10, 1960. Every available investigative technique should be considered

- 2 - Baltimore
- 2 - Boston
- 2 - Chicago
- 2 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit
- 2 - Los Angeles
- 2 - Milwaukee
- 2 - Minneapolis
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- 2 - Philadelphia
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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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for use in this investigation including physical surveillances, particularly during the evening hours and on weekends when CP club meetings are apt to be held. In those instances where information is obtained that a national committee member will travel outside his district, unless the known reason for the trip dictates otherwise, instructions should be issued to appropriate field divisions to cover his activities when they are not being covered by informants and sources.

It is hoped the intensified coverage thus afforded national committee members during this period will be of material assistance in the Bureau's current program directed at identifying all current members of the CP, USA.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-64074)

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ReBulet, 4/14/60, captioned, "CP, USA MEMBERSHIP."

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[redacted] is a member of the National Committee of the CP, USA.

In the past, [redacted] while a member of the National Committee since 1957, has not actively engaged in the activities of the National Committee. Furthermore, he is relatively inactive within his own region. The Garment Region, CP, failing to attend many meetings and arriving late at those he does attend.

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[redacted] an active worker of the Garment Region, recently split with the CP because she said that [redacted] was not carrying his share of the work load in the Garment Region, resulting in additional burdens on her.

Accordingly, it is not felt that intensified coverage of [redacted] in line with reBulet is warranted.

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- 1 - New York (100-4951) (CP, USA Membership) (415)
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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

20 : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-2-33)

1001 : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-3200)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - PHILADELPHIA
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CONFIDENTIAL

On 3/15/50, Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA CHARLES J. WATERS that CHAS WATERS and PAUL WATERS were high members of the CP, CIO, of 4355 Locust Street, on Saturday, 3/12/50. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss problems concerning the local chapter so that WATERS and PAUL may have knowledge of these before attending other meetings in the Philadelphia area.

WATERS WATERS opened the meeting by giving the picture of the Party membership. He stated there were 130 members in the Party at the present time, 33 of which were

- 3 - Bureau (100-2-33) (RM)
- 1 - NY SAC (RM)
- 1 - 100-3200 (CPUSA - PHILADELPHIA) ✓
- 1 - 100-3200 (SAC WATERS)
- 1 - 100-3200 (PAUL WATERS)
- 7 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-3200
 - 1 - 100-3200 (CHARLES WATERS)
 - 1 - 100-3200 (CPUSA - PHILADELPHIA)
 - 1 - 100-3200 (CPUSA - WATERS)
 - 1 - 100-3200 (ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES)
 - 1 - 100-3200 (SAC WATERS)

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in youth and so in the Industrial Section. The CPUSA is
not comprised of ten clubs in Philadelphia proper and eight
of clubs out of town. There are three clubs in the Industrial
Section. [REDACTED] also indicated that the CP membership at
the time of the convention in January 1950 was 205 or 130,
and since that time some members have left while others have
been recruited.

[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

May 10, 1960

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CG 5824-S* on May 5, 1960, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING a one page mimeographed letter dated May 2, 1960, addressed "To All Districts, To All District Org. Secretaries" and signed "PHIL BAET, National Org. Sec'y".

This letter states in part:

"As a means of tightening up the Party organization, reaching out to all of our members it has been proposed that the month of June be devoted to dues control. This should be a means of reaching all of our members, getting them to pay up their dues, discussing the work of the Party and their relationship to the Party club.

"In the memorandum on Peace Week, you will note that there will be a special letter to all Party clubs written by Gus Hall. It will probably be addressed to all Party clubs. This can be utilized further in registering the Party membership.

"The month of May should be used to prepare for the June dues control month."

One photostat copy of this item is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division, a Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (165).

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
- ⑤ - New York (Encl. 1) (RM) *RM*
 - (1 - 100-39691 CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
 - (1 - 100-30638 CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)
 - (1 - 100-30641 CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - 100-56579 PHIL BAET)
 - (1 - 100-34994 GUS HALL)
- 2 - Chicago
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(OO: NY)

DATE: 5/13/60

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 4/20/60, at NY, reflects activity of CP, USA, for the quarterly period 1/1/60 to 3/31/60. Details of such activity may

- 1-NY (100-80641) (CP, USA-Organization) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80638) (CP, USA-Membership) (415)
- 1-NY (100-74560) (CP, USA-Funds) (415)
- 1-NY (100-81338) (CP, USA-Security Measures) (415)
- 1-NY (100-96985) (CP, USA-Underground Operations) (415)
- 1-NY (100-87211) (CP, USA-Factionalism) (415)
- 1-NY (100-86624) (CP, USA-International Relations) (415)
- 1-NY (100-88123) (CP, USA-United Nations) (415)
- 1-NY (100-87212) (CP, USA-Colonial Matters) (415)
- 1-NY (100-79717) (CP, USA-Political Activities) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80636) (CP, USA - Legislative Activities) (415)
- 1-NY (100-89691) (CP, USA-Domestic Administration Issues) (415)
- 1-NY (100-89590) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80644) (CP, USA-Youth Matters) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80643) (CP, USA-Women Matters) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80634) (CP, USA-Farmers Matters) (415)
- 1-NY (100-88297) (CP, USA-Cultural Activities) (415)
- 1-NY (100-79498) (CP, USA-Veterans Matters) (415)
- 1-NY (100-54651) (CP, USA-National Groups) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80864) (CP, USA-Religion) (415)
- 1-NY (100-81675) (CP, USA-Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
- 1-NY (100-80633) (CP, USA-Education) (415)
- 1-NY (100-133902) (CP, USA-Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations) (415)
- 1-NY (100-140277) (CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence) (41)
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be found in this report under the following:

- Organization
- Membership
- Funds
- Security Measures
- Factionalism
- International Relations
- Political Activities
- Legislative Activities
- Domestic Administration Issues
- Strategy in Industry
- Negro Question
- Youth Matters
- Women Matters
- Farmers Matters
- Cultural Activities
- National Groups
- Pamphlets and Publications
- Education

No pertinent information concerning the following was developed for inclusion in the above report:

- Underground Operations
- United Nations
- Colonial Matters
- Veterans Matters
- Religion
- Attempts of CP to Infiltrate Mass Organizations
- CP Interest in Puerto Rican Independence

SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C44)

5/12/60

SA [redacted] (# 421)

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On 4/18/60, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] Jr., that in conversation with [redacted] and [redacted] he got the impression that all had previous plans for the evening of 4/19/60, which might constitute a CP meeting.

On the evening of 4/19/60, fisurs were conducted on [redacted] by SAS [redacted] and the only activity noted was that [redacted] left his employment at about 7:12 PM and went to his home in Montrose, NY.

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On 4/19/60, [redacted] was observed by SA [redacted] to leave his residence at about 7:14 PM and proceed south on Route 9. At 7:41 PM, [redacted] made what appeared to be evasive movements, including going the wrong way on a one way street, so the fisur was discontinued for security reasons.

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CP meeting

- 1- New York (100-1288179) (IDENTIFICATION OF CP MEMBERS)
- 1- New York (100-105448)
- 1- New York (100-80775)
- 1- New York (100-89760)
- 1- New York (100-26603-C44)

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
 FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-32208)
 SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
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C I N A L

On 5/17/60, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided a written statement to SA [redacted] of a meeting of the District Executive Committee (DEC), Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD), held 5/11/60 at 1345 West Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia.

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During this meeting it was announced that there would be a June (1960) dues control of all members of CPEPD. The dues control would be handled in order to determine who was paid up in dues, who was working in mass work, etc. No indication was given to the DEC as to whether the dues control was initiated by the CP National Office. [redacted] is to prepare the mimeographed forms for use in this program.

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[redacted] advised 5/17/60 that [redacted] was District Organization Secretary, CPEPD.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (Info.) (RM)
- 4 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-32208
 - 1 - 100-28841 [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-11037)
RE: CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
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NH 369-S* advised on 5/19/60 that [redacted] Hartford, Conn., received a directive sent to all District Leaders dated 5/2/60 from PHIL BART, CP National Organizational Secretary. The Directive stated that the CP has named June as dues control month and during this month efforts should be made to reach all members to get them to pay their dues and to discuss party work, and their relationship to the party club. BART also advised that in the memorandum on Peace Work there would be a special letter to all party clubs written by GUS HALL, which would be addressed to all party clubs. It was suggested that these be used to further the registering of party membership.

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NH 369-S* advised that [redacted] is one of the three CP leaders in Connecticut designated to receive materials and directives from the National Office of the CP, USA.

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3-Bureau
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4-New Haven (1-100-11037)
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New Haven will follow activities of CP of Connecticut and alert informants to proposed activity on part of CP in connection with above and Bureau and New York will be advised of any pertinent information developed.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ***** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 5/19/60

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT COMPLETE PARAPHRASING BE UTILIZED IN THE EVENT ANY OF THIS INFORMATION IS INCORPORATED IN A REPORT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, IN ORDER TO AFFORD MAXIMUM SECURITY TO THIS INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on May 15, 1960 orally furnished the information on the following page to SA JOHN E. KEATING. This information was reduced to writing on May 19, 1960.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Cincinnati (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
 - 1 - 65-721 (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
- 1 - Detroit (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 2 - Los Angeles (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
 - 1 - 100-4486 (DOROTHY HEALEY)
- 3 - New York (RM)
 - ① - 100-80638 (CP, USA, Membership) (415)
 - 1 - 100-12959 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA, Membership)
- 5 - Chicago
 - 1 - A)134-46
 - 1 - 100-18952 (CP, Illinois District, Membership)
 - 1 - 100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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On Sunday evening, May 15, 1960, the following persons went to a Chinese restaurant in the vicinity of 125th Street and Broadway, New York City, after the termination of a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party (CP), USA:

PHIL BART
MORRIS CHILDS
DOROTHY HEALEY
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

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During dinner, there was a discussion of the current membership figures for several districts of the CP, USA.

DOROTHY HEALEY stated that average dues payments for the Southern California District is 850 but the district claims a membership of 800. PHIL BART stated that he believes that the Southern California District has more than 800 members. HEALEY stated that bed rock membership of the Southern California District is between 750 and 800, although it is possible that there are 900 or more members in the district.

HEALEY stated that the Northern California District has about 400 dues paying members.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated that the Illinois District has 500 members. LIGHTFOOT also stated that the Michigan District has 250 members.

Then LIGHTFOOT said that the big surprise is the Ohio District and he thinks an investigation of this district should be made. LIGHTFOOT said that according to information he has received, the Ohio District has 125 members. DOROTHY HEALEY stated that she could not believe this. LIGHTFOOT stated that he also learned that ANTHONY KRCHMAREK has not received any salary in 7 weeks.

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RE NY TEL 5/1/50.

Special instructions relative to active CP members in the NY Division as of 5/1/50 may be furnished to the Bureau by 5/17/50. (Qualitative and quantitative)

The information requested should include:

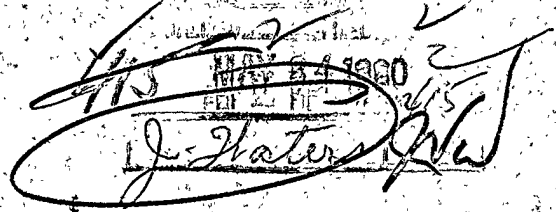
1. Estimated number of CP members with names.
2. How members recruited since 5/1/50.
3. Locations and transfers since 5/1/50.
4. Past changes.
5. Member statistics to date (5/1/50 - 5/1/50).

With respect to item 1 above, contact should be made with appropriate informant as to a current estimate of the membership can be obtained and the sources appropriately identified.

All sources are requested to furnish the data requested to NY within 7 days by 5/8/50.

- 1 - 100-12217 (NY) (100)
- 1 - 100-12217-100 (NY) (100)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C1214-Sub G) DATE: 5/25/60
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FROM : SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NYD-HARLEM SECTION
11th A. D. Club
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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of Info: 4/29/60 meeting of 11th A.D.
Club, Harlem, 141 W. 111th St.,
NYC

Date received: 5/6/60
Received by: SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)
Original location: [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

- [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100-82206 [redacted] (1)
 - 1 - NY 100-81286 [redacted])
 - 1 - NY 100-73325 [redacted])
 - 1 - NY 100-127818 [redacted])
 - 1 - NY 100-114287 [redacted] (1)
 - 1 - NY 100-128314-A (CPNYD-FUNDS) (HARLEM) (421)
 - 1 - NY 100-26603-C1214 (CPNYD-HARLEM SECTION) (421)
 - 1 - NY 100-62847 [redacted] (421)
 - 1 - NY 97-169 (PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS) (415)
 - 1 - NY 100-95550 (PAUL ROBESON, JR.) (421)
 - 1 - NY 100-79303 (CORE) (41)
 - 1 - NY 100-80638 (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (415)
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New York City
April 30, 1960

11th A. D. Club, Harlem Region C.P.

The 11th A.d. Club of the Harlem Region of the Communist Party, held a meeting on Friday evening April 29, 1960 at the residence of [redacted] Street, New York City at 9:00 p_m.

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Among those present were [redacted] chairman, [redacted]
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Points on the agenda were as follows, (1) The chairman called for dues & Fund drive money. All members are paid up in dues thru April 1960. [redacted] announced that a new Fund drive is in progress for the Harlem Region, and its quota is \$1,000 which is to be fulfilled by June 1st, 1960. All members of the 11th A. D. Club were asked to make pledges as follow.

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[redacted]	pledged at least \$10.00 to	25.00
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Total		\$155.00

Next on the agenda, [redacted] announced a concert by HARRY BELAFONTE, MAHALEA JACKSON & others for May 17, 1960 at the 369 Armory, 142nd Street & 5th Ave. under the auspices of the Defend Martin Luther King Committee, for Funds. Tickets ranged from \$2.00 to \$5.00. However at 10:30 p.m. LEON LOVE arrived at the meeting with 15 Tickets for the club for affair, each member taking 2 to 3 tickets for this affair. [redacted] Harlem Region treasurer, announced that this day of the concert is an anniversary of the May 17, 1954, Supreme Court Decision

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on school segregation.

(3) [] the press director, reported on the Press (Worker) that Harlem have a quota 200 Workers weekly which are to be distributed among the clubs in the Harlem Region. Each member of the 11th A. D. Club, have a quota of 3 Workers each week, to be paid upon receiving same. Also the press Director announced that May Day celebration shall be on Monday, May 2nd 1960 at Union Square from 4-8. P.M. All members were urged to attend and bring their friends.

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(4) [] announced that a recent Street meeting on April 22, 1960, at Hotel Theresa, under the auspices of the Communist Party, with BEN DAVIS JR., as the speaker was a tremendous success, more than 700 persons was present, and many Workers were sold, and leaflets were distributed. BILL stated that plans are being formulated to have such meetings as this one, twice each month.

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(5) [] the chairman requested information on the recent resolutions sent to the Harlem Region by the 11th A. D. Club for a flyer in the Worker & the Lunch Counter struggles for the students in the South, and the South African Conflicts. BILL stated that this was taken up with PAUL ROBESON JR. and something is being planned along these lines. In regards to the resolution on C.O.R.E. and C.P. members joining same, BILL STANLY stated that the C.P. works with all mass organization, but did not endorse C.P. members joining same, because the C.P. membership is limited, and must keep forces to concentrate on C.P. struggles.

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The time being 11:05 p_m the meeting was adjourned.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638) (415) DATE: 5/26/60

FROM : SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP
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Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Info re ex-CP people returning to CP, 5/10/60

Date received 5/13/60

Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (oral)

Original location [redacted]

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of source.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was dictated by SA HAAG to [redacted] on 5/16/60, transcribed on 5/18/60, and authenticated by informant on 5/25/60.

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A copy of informant's oral report follows:

[redacted]

1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - NY 100-21259 (MAX GORDON) (414)
1 - NY 100-9352 (A. B. MAGIL) (424)
1 - NY 100-17923 (JOHN GATES) (415)
1 - NY 100-80638 (415)

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On 5/10/60, Gus Hall related that there are many people asking to return to the CP. Many of these people are identified with the right-wing group. One of these is MAC GORDON, formerly with the "Daily Worker". HALL said that A. B. MC GILL has straightened himself out. He has had a long talk with him. As a result, McGILL agreed with the convention line and will work for the Party on Latin American affairs and peace. HALL said that quite a number of ex-Party people are sending out feelers and that he is spending much time with them.

HALL advised that he had heard that JOHN GATES is being put through a quicky course at Brooklyn College leading to a professorship. He is being sponsored by the head of Brooklyn College and the course is being financed by the Ford Foundation.

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The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, conceal all sources, paraphrase contents.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 19, 1960

FROM : ✓ Director, FBI (100-3-69)
(100-3-68)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA / 100-80641
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On May 2, 1960, Phil Bart, Communist Party (CP), USA, national organization secretary, addressed a letter to all CP districts and district organization secretaries. This letter is quoted, in part, as follows:

"Our Party clubs are now discussing the reports of the recently held National Committee meeting and are involved increasingly in mass activities in various fields. As a result of this work, the clubs will undoubtedly be able to attract many of the comrades who do not attend meetings regularly.

"As a means of tightening up the Party organization, reaching out to all of our members it has been proposed that the month of June be devoted to dues

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control. This should be a means of reaching all of our members, getting them to pay up their dues, discussing the work of the Party and their relationship to the Party club.

"In the memorandum on Peace Week, you will note that there will be a special letter to all Party clubs written by Gus Hall. It will probably be addressed to all Party clubs. This can be utilized further in registering the Party membership.

"The month of May should be used to prepare for the June dues control month."

As a result of this letter, it can be expected that CP leaders in many districts will be contacting current and former CP members in an effort to arouse their interests and renew their participation in CP affairs.

You should be alert to determine the action being taken by CP leaders in your Division to implement the details of Bart's letter. The Bureau feels an opportunity may be presented to obtain up-to-date information relating to the identities of CP members within your Division where this information is not now available. The action taken by Party leaders to abide by Bart's instructions will enable you to obtain an over-all picture of the CP organization and membership in your territory.

The Bureau desires that you alert your informants and sources concerning this matter and that you afford close attention to all action taken by the Party in your Division relative to the registrations, dues collections and discussions recommended by the national office of the CP, USA.

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The following info was furnished by [Redacted] on 4/29/60
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A copy of informant's report follows:

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- 1 - New York (100-103524) (Oral Report) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-) (Delivery info re copies of [Redacted] on 4/29/60, for NY 100-) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-) (SACNY info, report furnished re copies of [Redacted] on 4/29/60 for NY 100-) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-103524) (Oral Report) (42)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [redacted]

DATE: 5/27/60

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[redacted]	5/7/60 CP meeting	5/11/60	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[redacted]

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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1 - Chicago (Registered Mail)
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1 - Detroit (Registered Mail)
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3 - Philadelphia (Registered Mail)
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"Baltimore, Maryland
May 11, 1960

The following report concerns a CP meeting held May 7, 1960, at 23 West 26th Street, New York City, following the CP National Organizational Commission meeting held that same date. Persons present at the meeting were [redacted] - D. C. CP District Board member; HYMAN LUMER, CP National Educational Director; and [redacted] for Youth Affairs.

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[redacted] told the other two that some differences in Baltimore had come about following the visit paid by [redacted] about a month or so ago. He then asked [redacted] if the latter knew about copies of The Worker being sent to a Negro student named PERRY, who was at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

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[redacted] said that he knew two students at the university. One was PERRY and the other was KATZ, and he had given their names to JAMES JACKSON, CP National Secretary for the South, so that Workers could be sent to them.

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[redacted] then said that both KATZ and PERRY received Workers through the mail, and that KATZ had been named in one issue of The Worker and had been quoted. [redacted] said that KATZ reacted strongly to this, and that he [redacted] and GEORGE MEYERS, Chairman for the Maryland - D. C. CP District, had discussed the situation and had decided that sending Workers to students in this manner was damaging to the Party.

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[redacted] then said to [redacted] that he and MEYERS were dissatisfied with [redacted] continued contact of [redacted] Baltimore CP Youth Commission Secretary, when [redacted] was Chairman of the Baltimore CP Youth Commission. [redacted] said that in the future any communications concerning youth should be sent directly to MEYERS, who would in turn pass it on to [redacted]

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Both [redacted] and LUMER agreed that [redacted] criticism of their actions was proper, and that they would follow [redacted] advice.

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LUMER then said that [redacted] was "pretty rough" in his criticism. [redacted] replied that his only intention was to preserve the Party. LUMER then agreed with [redacted] position.

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[redacted] then stated that a student meeting was scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois, June 11-12, 1960, and that Baltimore should send a CP youth delegate who, prior to going, should contact [redacted] [redacted] Street, Philadelphia, telephone GL 7-4976.

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[redacted] said the agenda for the Chicago meeting would be as follows:

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1. Mass developments on the campus
 - A. Civil rights (sit-down, etc.)
 - B. Academic freedom, "loyalty oath, fight", etc.
 - C. Peace and anti-imperialist activity
 - D. Other mass issues

Questions to be discussed in relation to mass developments

1. What is the status of activity on your campus?
2. What do we propose to do to further those movements?

Sunday, June 12, 1960

Left student developments

- A. What is the status generally and in each area
- B. Proposals for building various forums including Party
- C. Support for new youth publication

[redacted] then showed the other two a three page letter which proposed that a new CP youth publication named "New Horizons" was being prepared for publication in September, 1960.

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[redacted] gave [redacted] a copy and instructed him to have GEORGE MEYERS look at it and pass it on to the Baltimore Youth Commission.

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The meeting among the three, which had begun at about 4:45 PM, was ended at about 5:10 PM, when LUMER and [redacted] left [redacted]

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PHIL BART, CP National Organizational Secretary, then came up to [redacted] pointed out that the national convention of the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) was being held in Detroit, Michigan, later on the in the month, and that three comrades from Baltimore intended to go to the convention. He asked BART if the latter could arrange for a place for them to stay while they were in Detroit.

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BART said there would be no problem and suggested that MEYERS, when he attended the National Executive Committee meeting the coming week-end, contact some of the Detroit people.

[redacted] then pointed out that the comrades from Baltimore were working class people and short of money. BART said that there was no worry about finances.

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BART then told [redacted] that the next time he came to New York City, he should arrange to stay over for an extra day since he, BART, wanted to talk to him about the organizational setup of the CP.

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[redacted] then said that he would have to contact MEYERS first since the latter was Chairman of his District. BART said that he would see MEYERS himself, and added that he had already talked to GUS HALL, CP General Secretary, about the matter.

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[redacted] then left BART at about 5:15 PM and left the building. After walking a short distance, he met GUS HALL.

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HALL asked [redacted] opinion of the CP National Organizational Commission meeting held that day. [redacted] replied that it was apparently a preliminary meeting for the purpose of seeing how deeply the Party was involved in the Negro struggle and to evaluate the organizational structure of the CP. HALL said that [redacted] was correct.

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[redacted] then said that he noticed a lot of weaknesses in Party organization during the course of the meeting. HALL said that was correct also, and then asked whether [redacted] had read his report on the five points which had

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been raised at a recent CP National Secretariat meeting. [redacted] said yes and felt that they should be discussed at all Party levels.

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HALL said that was his thinking, but that some of the Party leadership might want to ignore it.

HALL then said that he had just come from a meeting where there were former CP members and a number of persons who were interested in the Party and had been received very well. He stated that there were wide open opportunities at the present time for the Party to recruit members, and that everyone should be active on this point.

HALL then asked [redacted] if BART had talked to [redacted] about [redacted] staying over during his next visit. [redacted] said yes, but he wanted to see MEYERS first. HALL said that was the correct approach, but it did not matter since he had already made the decision.

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[redacted] then left at about 5:25 PM."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK(100-80638)(415)

DATE: 6/9/60

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS

SUBJECT: CP, USA - Membership

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the New York Office information concerning the above captioned subject, obtained from the building located at 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Since 4/15/57, this building has been occupied by the New York State and National Offices of the Communist Party, USA. The CP, USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Since June, 1958, space in this building has been occupied by Publishers New Press, Inc., publisher of "The Worker", East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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Strict care must be exercised so that the existence of this important source of information will not become known to any outside agency. It is also to be noted that because of the nature of this source of information it will be impossible to re-contact the source regarding information furnished.

Information received on 6/6/60 by _____

SA [redacted] & SE [redacted]

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The following disposition is being made of the original exhibit:

(X) Place in NY file # 100-80638 Serial _____
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() Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

() No copy of the exhibit or this letter is being retained by the NYO.

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J. Waters

May 2, 1960

TO ALL DISTRICTS
TO ALL DISTRICT ORG. SECRETARIES

Dear Comrades:

Our Party clubs are now discussing the reports of the recently held National Committee meeting and are involved increasingly in mass activities in various fields. As a result of this work, the clubs will undoubtedly be able to attract many of the comrades who do not attend meetings regularly.

As a means of tightening up the Party organization, reaching out to all of our members it has been proposed that the month of June be devoted to dues control. This should be a means of reaching all of our members, getting them to pay up their dues, discussing the work of the Party and their relationship to the Party club.

In the memorandum on Peace Week, you will note that there will be a special letter to all Party clubs written by Gus Hall. It will probably be addressed to all Party clubs. This can be utilized further in registering the Party membership.

The month of May should be used to prepare for the June dues control month.

If you have any suggestions as to material to be issued to each member or to clubs, or if you feel that it should be left to the districts, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

National Org. Sec'y

P.S. Please send in all club questionnaires as soon as possible.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 6/10/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
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ReNYlet, 4/8/60.

As of 6/1/60, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members 1928

2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
1 - New York (100-26603) (NY STATE CP) (414)
1 - New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX) (421)
1 - New York (100-26603-C41) (QUEENS) (423)
1 - New York (100-26603-C42) (NEW YORK) (424)
1 - New York (100-26603-C43) (KINGS) (422)
1 - New York (100-26603-C44) (WESTCHESTER) (421)
1 - New York (100-26603-C45) (NASSAU) (423)
1 - New York (100-26603-C39) (RICHMOND) (421)
1 - New York (100-132430) (INDUSTRIAL DIVISION) (42)
① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP) (415)
1 - New York (100-128817) (414)

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(2)	Number of members identified since last progress letter	54
(3)	Number of members identified to date	975
(4)	Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	33
(5)	Number tentatively identified as CP members to date	114

Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification,
"T" represents tentative identifications.)

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>Total 4/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>New Since 4/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>Deletions and Transfers P/T</u>	<u>Net Change P/T</u>	<u>Total 6/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>Estimated Current Membership</u>
Bronx County	179/9	13/5	-8/-3	5/2	184/11	250
Kings County	168/15	18/3	-5/-10	13/-7	181/8	318
Queens County	132/15	12/0	-13/-10	-1/-10	131/5	150
Richmond County*	12/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	12/1	
NY County	275/12	0/12	-10/0	-10/12	265/24	500
Nassau County	17/1	3/1	0/-1	3/0	20/1	60
Westchester County	14/2	0/0	-1/0	-1/0	13/2	50
Industrial	166/50	8/12	-5/0	3/12	169/62	600
	<u>963/105</u>	<u>54/33</u>	<u>-42/-24</u>	<u>12/9</u>	<u>975/114</u>	<u>1928</u>

* Richmond County is considered by CP as a section of NY County.

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Concerning the estimated CP membership, above, the following is submitted.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Source</u>
Bronx County CP	250	[redacted] 5/19/60
Bronx County CP	260-265	[redacted] 4/14/60
Kings County CP	318	[redacted] 6/6/60.
Kings County CP		
Queens County CP	150	[redacted] 6/7/60
New York County CP	500	NY 694-S*, 5/18/60
Nassau County CP	60	NY 2384-S*, 4/14/60
Westchester County CP	50	NY 2384-S*, 4/14/60
Industrial Division CP	600-700	NY 2384-S*, 4/14/60

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[redacted] on 6/3/60, advised that the CP membership for the NYC area was estimated to be approximately 1900 by WILLIAM ALBERTSON, NY State Organizational Secretary, on 6/2/60, at a Bronx CP Financial Directors meeting.

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NY 2358-S* on 4/22/60, advised that at a NY State CP Organization Commission meeting that date, WILLIAM ALBERTSON set the NY State CP membership at 2010.

NY 1697-S* on 5/18/60, advised that on that date, [redacted] NY State CP Labor Secretary, informed WILLIAM Z. FOSTER that there were 2100 members in the NY State CP.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

Date: 6/13/60

From: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

Subject: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

NY 2362-S* advised that on 6/3/60, a meeting
was held at CP Headquarters, NYC. The following individuals
were in attendance:

PHIL BART

JAMES JACKSON

JACK STACHEL

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-3-68 (CP, USA-Membership)
 - 1 - 100-3-63 (CP, USA-Funds)
- 2 - Boston (100-) (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati (100-) (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (100-) (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (100-) (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
 - 1 - 100- (BEN DOBBS)
- 2 - Newark (100-) (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-) (CP, USA - Organization) (RM)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA - Membership) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-74560) (CP, USA - Funds) (415)
- 1 - New York (97-169) ("The Worker") (415)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-128255) () (415)
- 1 - New York (100-80641) (CP, USA - Organization) (415)

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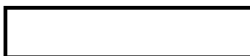
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HY LUMER

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

IRVING POTASH



The informant stated that the above meeting appeared to be an Organization Commission meeting and was opened by PHIL BART.

BART, apparently referring to the activities of various clubs, stated that the mass activity of these clubs is mainly reflected in the sense that they (the clubs) list a number of organizations wherein their members are active. He advised that only a minority of the clubs take part in distribution of leaflets of their own. He stated that on the basis of personal experience in four clubs in New York, one in Philadelphia and one in Illinois that most of the Party work still remains unrelated to these clubs. He described this situation as applicable to the functioning of the clubs and especially true with reference to leadership of these clubs. BART related that last March he had a discussion with BEN DOBBS in Los Angeles concerning the overall question of the work of their (Los Angeles) clubs.

BART advised that New York is conducting discussions concerning these clubs in connection with the overall problem of the industrial (question?). He commented that the problems of the functioning of the clubs are most acute, citing Philadelphia, New Jersey and all of the New England states as an example. BART suggested that the Party set up an objective during the next few months of a thorough examination of this question of Party organization. He said that this examination should

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include especially the districts in which the Party has not been active for a long time. BART offered the opinion that such an examination would be of great help to both the national Party organization and lower organizations within the Party. He mentioned that such an examination should include: dues payment, organization, secretary, peace, nature of the club, length of time club has functioned in particular areas, finances, fund drives, and political problems. He suggested that such an examination be carried through June, July and August and include districts in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. BART suggested that for this purpose a committee of 15 to 25 members be set up, said committee to be headed by JIM (JACKSON?).

BART advised that information and statistics achieved through such an examination would not only help the Party generalize about the organizations but enable them to carry through remedial steps to strengthen some sectors of the Party organization. He advised that this would be accomplished jointly with the national organization and the district and county leadership in the respective districts. BART suggested that aside from club business, "we" should also have meetings with individual comrades in the clubs in order to bring out the weaknesses and problems in the minds of the members. BART stated that the examination would not only help to create a closer relationship between clubs and the leading members in the Party but would also aid in strengthening the clubs and assisting them to become a real mass force. He suggested that members of the Organization Bureau should participate with district comrades in the various areas for the purpose of setting up the above-mentioned committees.

The informant advised that at this time STACHEL, BART and LUMER discussed Party membership at the present

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time and that during this discussion frequent use of the blackboard prevented the informant's acquiring complete details of the discussion. During this discussion, JACK STACHEL inquired of PHIL BART if it was his opinion that the Party had lost members in the New York area since the last convention. Following a discussion immediately subsequent to this question, LUMER advised that it would be a fair estimate that the situation (with respect to membership in the New York area) remains stable.

During the above discussion on membership, LUMER attributed "lack of organization" as a reason for a loss of membership in (Ohio). He stated that a general exodus to the suburbs on the part of the Jewish membership was an illustration of how members were lost in that area. LUMER remarked that with this exodus, these members are left on their own and without an organization functioning as a unit then the Party does not stay together.

During the above discussion ALBERTSON referred to the Bronx situation, describing it as a loose situation, adding that if they (the Bronx) had a registration today, they might register 220 instead of 240. With reference to membership, JACK STACHEL remarked that there "is no recruiting" (in the Party). He stated that in the last two years he would estimate that the Party did not bring in 500 people (new members). During this conversation, JACK STACHEL referred to the response to the financial campaign for "The Worker" as a reflection of the lack of Party activity. He related that the Party had conducted a campaign in an attempt to raise \$60,000.00 for "The Worker" and had not been able to raise half of that amount at the termination of the campaign.

STACHEL referred to the lack of organization in

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the Ohio area as an example of what has happened to the Party. He stated that in Ohio, it is imperative that the Party have a member who would travel from area to area in order to bring members together, citing Cleveland, Columbus and Youngstown as an example of these areas lacking organization. STACHEL also suggested that "we" should prepare a discussion on the industrial areas such as Ohio.

HY LUMER disagreed with JACK STACHEL as to the big problem of the Party in Ohio. He referred to the disintegration which had occurred in the Party in Cleveland and attributed it to the fact that members from outlying sections in Ohio have complained to him that they had no contact with the members in Cleveland. LUMER stated that in districts like Ohio, a trend toward concentration of membership in centers started 10 years ago. He referred to the situation in Dayton (Ohio) where 12 years ago there were 35 to 40 members and where the Party had only 6 members 6 years ago. He offered the opinion that in Cincinnati (at the present time) it might be possible to get 8 members together.


[redacted] commented favorably on BILL (ALBERTSON's) remarks, adding that the question of communist ideological contributions should be discussed with reference to these clubs. He stated that the meetings are usually comprised of inter-Party activities without relationship to mass work. He suggested that 2 or 3 people (from each club) be singled out for the purpose of bringing them closer to Party work.

The informant stated that at this time a general discussion took place concerning the means of contacting individual members of the various clubs and how best to achieve an overall picture of the operation of these clubs.

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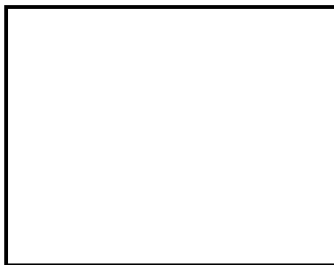
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Chicago, Illinois
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On Sunday, May 22, 1960, a special youth meeting of the Communist Party of Illinois, was held at the residence of [REDACTED]. The following persons were known to be in attendance:



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The agenda was as follows:

- I. New Horizontal Youth Publications
- II. Re-organization
- III. International Situation

I. At the National Convention of the Communist Party, it had been written in the resolution on youth, that as soon as possible, some kind of youth publication should be established. Because of this, a group of adult "Party" and liberal leaders had agreed to act as sponsors for their future publication, among them were HERBERT APTHEKER. A letter had been sent to each "Party" district asking for financial support and a quota of subscriptions that each area had to obtain by September 1, 1960. It was stated in the letter to the Illinois District that this area get 160 subscriptions and raise \$400.00 by the beginning of September. It was mentioned by [REDACTED] that LENIN stated that a newspaper can act as an organizer and this would be the purpose of this publication. It would serve as as organizer by being a median of communication to the youth. It would deal with youth problems such as jobs, housing discrimination in international affairs, and education.

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Attempts should be made to see that each subscription goes to some young person. The "Party" should believe that this young person would eventually be a part of a National Marxist youth organization and later, a member of the Communist Party. In each district an editorial board member must be elected. This person would be required to go to meetings of the editorial staff at least three times a year and write and select articles from his district for the publication. [redacted] agreed to act in this capacity from the Illinois District. The group present gave ideas on what the publication should contain and how it should be constructed, but disagreed with the name of "New Horizons". [redacted] will submit these ideas to the state board and also mention that in lieu of the Party fund drive an extension of time be given for raising money and getting subscriptions to this publication.

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II. [redacted] admitted that his outline of how the "Party" youth clubs be re-organized had caused confusion. At this meeting he simply stated that the North Side and West Side youth clubs meet as one club until the other teams become organized. The two combined clubs would elect a chairman, organizing secretary, and if deemed necessary, an educational secretary. It was proposed and agreed that one large meeting of the two clubs plus the students be held on Sunday, June 5, 1960 to elect officers and further discuss organization.

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III. CARL WINTER, Midwest Regional Director, from the National Office, and FLO HALL, from the Illinois State Board, were supposed to have arrived and spoken about the present international situation, but were unable to do so because WINTER had driven from Michigan and had been at a meeting of the State Board for two days, according to [redacted]. Therefore, an discussion was held around this subject and the U-2 plane incident. [redacted] stated that she believed Russia had not attended the Summit Meeting because it was simply a matter of bargaining in good faith! She said if the United States was spying just before a meeting that was to deal with peace and disarmament, the Russians believed that his words weren't to be trusted. [redacted] said he believes the United States intended

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to make war but wanted to make the people of the United States think that Russia was at fault. [] did not agree to this. [] also stated that he did not believe the United States intended to cause a war with Russia. He said every country of any importance had engaged in espionage, including the United States, for their own internal security and President EISENHOWER could not publically apologize for the U-2 incident because it would be like openly admitting that the U.S.S.R. was the stronger country. [] said that this untimely incident just showed that the United States has a two party system, one that is governed by the President and his administration, and the other by big business. He stressed the point that big business wanted war but not an atomic war. It wanted bush wars with Russia. This meaning Russia attacking other countries where the United States had established business interests. He also mentioned that he believes the plane flight over Russia would resume but not under the EISENHOWER Administration, because the President had said the flights would be stopped until the next summit meeting at which time he would be out of office.

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[] told [] a member of the Youth Commission, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman of the Communist Party of Illinois, was going to tutor [] [] would tutor []. The purpose of these meetings and teachings would be to establish future leaders for the "Party".

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

June 15, 1960

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

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CG 5824-S* on June 8, 1960, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING a mimeographed letter dated June 6, 1960, addressed: "To All District Org. Secretaries" and signed "PHIL BART, National Org. Secretary".

The following is the complete text of this letter which is being maintained in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (173).

"We have informed you sometime ago about the June control which is now proceeding in all Districts. This is just a reminder to urge you to check on this in the clubs so that we will reach our total membership during this control and have a check of the Party organization in each District.

"Even if you do not send us the reports, would you inform us of the progress and steps taken to carry through the June mid-year control".

CG 5824-S* advised on June 13, 1960, that he understands that this control is an effort to get an up-to-date figure of the membership of the CP, USA, and to stimulate the Districts to contact members who have dropped away from the Party. It is not a formal registration.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
3 - New York (RM)
 (1 - 100-80638 CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP)(415)
 (1 - 100-80641 CP, USA - ORGANIZATION)(415)
 (1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-242-Sub 1)

RE: CP-USA
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 4/6/60.

On the best available information, there are an estimated seven CP members or sympathizers who are suspected of being CP members in the territory covered by the San Antonio Division. Of these seven, three of them can be positively identified as CP members and two of them tentatively identified as CP members; two are security informants.

The seven individuals tabulated by nationality, race, sex, employment, known veteran, and known union members are set forth below:

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>
American..... 7	White..... 6	Male 7
	Negro 1	
	Total 7	

1-Bureau (RM)
2-New York (100- CP, Membership)
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Veterans

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Union Members

None known

Employment

Attorney.....
Bookkeeper.....
Porter.....
Student.....
Salesman.....
Unemployed.....

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On 7/1/60, [] advised that JOHN STANFORD appears to continue as the main CP leader in San Antonio. He continues his efforts to reorganize the CP in this area and is one of the San Antonio representatives on the State Committee of the CP.

On 6/1/60, [] advised that on that date JOHN STANFORD was elected Executive Secretary in charge of organization of the CP of Texas at a meeting of the State Committee of the CP.

On 6/23/60, [] advised that at the above-mentioned State Committee meeting of 5/29/60, STANFORD was re-elected as one of the two Texas representatives to the Southern Regional Committee of the CP.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

July 1, 1960

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)

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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT COMPLETE PARAPHRASING BE UTILIZED IN THE EVENT ANY OF THIS INFORMATION IS INCORPORATED IN A REPORT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION, IN ORDER TO AFFORD MAXIMUM SECURITY TO THIS INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S* on June 27, 1960, orally furnished the information on the following page to SA JOHN E. KEATING. This information was reduced to writing on July 1, 1960.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- ③ - New York (RM)
 - (1 - 100-80638 CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP(415)
 - (1 - 100-56579 PHIL BART)(415)
 - (1 - 100-84994 GUS HALL)
- 2 - Chicago
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June 27, 1960

During the week of June 19, 1960, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the CP, USA, stated that he would not say that the CP, USA, has more than 5,000 members.

On June 25, 1960, GUS HALL, General Secretary of the CP, USA, stated that he would say to the CP of the Soviet Union, for example, that the CP, USA, has between 8,000 and 10,000 members. HALL said that he thinks that the CP, USA, has thousands of members who have not been contacted recently, therefore, they are not being counted as members. He also stated that he thinks that the CP, USA, can go out and recruit hundreds of members in the industrial areas.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)
FROM : SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: CPUSA - MEMBERSHIP
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DATE: 7/11/60

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On 6/21/60, NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Included in this material, a copy of which is attached hereto, was:

Undated note captioned, "Brooklyn Youth Club (recruited since January 1960)."

() Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

() No copy of this memorandum is being retained other than the copy directed as above.

1-NY (100-138815) [redacted] (422)
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Brooklyn Youth Club
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- 1) [redacted] - Student, 20, Jewish
recruited by Wendy - 50 & int.
- 2) [redacted] Working, 20, Jewish
recruited by Jordan - 50 & int.
- 3) [redacted] - 18, working,
Jewish, recruited by brother (Bill), 50 & int.
- 4) [redacted] - Working + student,
29, Jewish, recruited by Jordan - 50 & int.

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June 15, 1960
621 Newton Ave. No.- Mpls 11 Minn.

Dear Phil:

In answer to your letter of June 7th:

Personally, I feel relieved at the proposal to postpone holding the Midwest Farm Conference, scheduled for Sept. 11-12. In addition to the very good reasons you give, I would like to add that if the N.C. and the M.E.C. place the farm question on the agenda and stress the importance of the proposed Midwest and National Farm conferences, it will guaranty a wider representation and broader preparation.

I have written to Clarence Sharp, who is in North Dakota, and who is temporary chairman of committee for Midwest Farm Conference, and also to Fred Blair of Milwaukee, who is vice chairman, asking for their agreement for postponement. I am sure they will agree. One hearing from them, I can write to those from Midwest who attended the Mpls conference and notify them of postponement, unless you have a better suggestion.

*2 am
Reply
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Sharp is using a tape of the National Farm Conference in meetings in ~~the~~ North Dakota. Anything definite yet as to how the conference can be popularized nationally?

Sharp left for North Dakota on June 6th and will remain there until June 26. We were confident that financial help would be forthcoming, and we appreciate your promptness in taking care of it. I hope that the source was the one suggested, and did not have to come out of regular funds.

I write

RE: MONTANA Before writing to Montana, Phil, I would like to have your OK to tell them that the cost will be borne by the national office for my trip, but that any contribution that they can make would be appreciated, without specifying any amount that they should contribute. Is that OK with you? Also let me know what their status of Montana is as to dues, also I should have a list of Worker subscribers, and subscribers to any other publications that would be helpful. The Montana group had some ~~money~~ funds in the treasury, but I am confident that some of it was used to finance trips of ~~the~~ Montana comrades in particular to strengthen the organization.

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RE: CONTROL We will do our best to get things into shape by July 1st. As of ~~May~~ June 1st, our records show 168 in good standing. The average for years previously were: 1957-165; 1958, 164; 1959-168.

With best personal regards,

Sam

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: 7/15/60

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80638)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP
IS-C
(OO: New York)

On 7/12/60, NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. The material included what is believed to be a compilation of dues units received, a unit representing the payment of a member's dues for a month without regard to amount; The dues are listed as received by districts and the first six months of 1959 are compared with the first six months period of 1960, the latter period by separate months.

Also compared for the two periods are initiation payments, indicated by "INI."

A review of the totals given on the compilation would indicate that in the first six months of 1959, the CPUSA had an average membership of 5,399 (32,393 divided by 6) with 55 being recruited in the period.

In the first six months of 1960, the CPUSA had an average membership of 3,076 dues payers, 87 being recruits.

The data appearing in this material is set out as follows:

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68)(RM)
- 1 - All Offices (100-) (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)(INFO)(RM)
- 1 - NY (100-128817)(CPUSA-NY DISTRICT-MEMBERSHIP)(414)
- 1 - NY (100-80638)(415)

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(59) *fund.*



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Jan. to June

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District	Ini.	Dues	Ini.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	to	June
1 New York	21	18,295	55	771	1858		2713	2036	2351		9729
2 New Jersey		761		331					290		621
3 E. Penna.	1	724				149					149
4 W. Penna.		70									
5 Maryland	1	187							33		33
6 Conn.		44							168		168
7 New England		414		114			130				244
8 Ohio	2	666		145		332					477
9 Michigan	2	648	2			159			423		582
10 Illinois	1	2,814	14	164	368	293	219	366	349		1759
11 Indiana								112	308		420
12 Wisconsin		205				88			89		177
13 Minnesota	2	733	3				133	143			276
14 Dakotas		304									
15 Oregon	8	254			75	62	62				199
16 Montana		89		39				36			75
17 Utah		20						32			32
18 Washington	2	979	6			573					573
19 So. Calif.	15	3,583	7	280	492	487	864	613			2736
20 No. Calif.		1,393									
21 Missouri		102					97				97
22 Oklahoma		108		33		36	5		36		110
23 SRC.											
24											
25 TOTALS	55	32,393	87	1877	2793	2179	4223	3338	4047		18,457

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/18/60

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43)

FROM: SA [redacted] (422)

SUBJECT: KINGS COUNTY CP
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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Third CP leadership class, 6/17/60, 769 St. Marks Ave., Bklyn

Date Received 6/20/60

Received by SA [redacted] (oral)

Original located [redacted]

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A copy of informant's report follows:

[redacted]

- 1 - 100-80633 (CP, USA - Education)(415)
- 1 - 100-80641 (CP, USA - Organization)(415)
- 1 - 100-80638 (CP, USA - Membership)(415)
- 1 - 100-81752 (CP, USA - Brief)(415)
- 1 - 100-128822 (CP, USA, NYD - Education)(414)
- 1 - 100-128814 (CP, USA, NYD - Organization)(414)
- 1 - 100-34632 (CP, USA, NYS - Waterfront Section)(414)
- 1 - 100-128817 (CP, USA, NYD - Membership)(414)
- 1 - 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)(415)
- 1 - 100-100487 [redacted] (422)
- 1 - 100-67348 [redacted] (422)
- 1 - 100-117724 [redacted] (422)
- 1 - 100-101936 [redacted] (422)
- 1 - 100-98068 [redacted] ()
- 1 - 100-125119 [redacted] ()

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- 1 - 100-131529 ([redacted]) (422)
- 1 - 100-131135 ([redacted]) (422)
- 1 - 100- (CAROL LNU, white, female, 5'3", 150 lbs.,
dark brown hair, late 20s or early 30s,
resides Coney Island)
- 1 - 100-114501 ([redacted]) (422)
- 1 - 100-67215 ([redacted]) (422)
- 1 - 100-26603-0268 (KCCP - Brownsville)(422)

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On 6/17/60, the third of five CP leadership classes was held at the residence of [redacted] Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Present were:

BETTY GANNETT - instructor

[redacted]

JERRY

FRED

EDDIE

JAY or JACK

CAROL, a white female, 5'3", 150 pounds, dark brown hair, in her late 20's or early 30's, resides in Coney Island. She has three children, ages 5 and 3 years, and 2 months. She attended the second class of this series.

A white female from Coney Island, 5'6", 130 pounds, 30-40 years, light brown hair. She has two children and attended the second class in this series.

A white female from Brownsville. She is 5'6", 160-170 pounds, dirty blonde hair, 30-40 years. She mentioned the Brownsville Section of the Party has 35 members in two clubs, Brownsville and East New York.

It was brought out during the class that there are no ideological trends in the Party. All Party members are allowed differences of opinion and the right to dissent, but not to overall policy which is right all the time. Leadership and membership have to work together to eliminate factionalism and revisionist ideas.

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Some clubs have no leadership, they are improperly organized, and they have poor agendas. They don't analyze the work of the past. It was pointed out that [redacted] live in the same building yet they belong to different sections.

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The current idea in the Party is to eliminate functional clubs except in cases of security, and the Waterfront Club was used as an illustration of a functional club. Discussion going on now in the Party is concerned with eliminating smaller clubs in favor of larger clubs with an increase in area.

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Informant has identified the following from photos and appropriate memos have been prepared:

[redacted] 100-98068
[redacted] 100-125119
[redacted] 100-131529
[redacted] 100-131135

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White female from Coney Island as [redacted]
100-114501
White female from Brownsville as [redacted]
100-67215

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 7/22/60

FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 415

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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(OO: New York)

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, dated 7/20/60, at New York, reflects activity of CPUSA for the quarterly period 4/1/60 to 6/30/60. Details of such activity may be found in this report under the following

- 1 - NY (100-80641) (CPUSA=ORGANIZATION)(415)
- ~~1 - NY (100-80638) (CPUSA=MEMBERSHIP)(415)~~
- 1 - NY (100-74560) (CPUSA=FUNDS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-81338) (CPUSA=SECURITY MEASURES)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-96985) (CPUSA=UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-87211) (CPUSA=FACTIONALISM)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-86624) (CPUSA=INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-88123) (CPUSA=UNITED NATIONS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-87212) (CPUSA=COLONIAL MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-79717) (CPUSA=POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80636) (CPUSA=LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-89691) (CPUSA=DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-89590) (CPUSA=STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80640) (CPUSA=NEGRO QUESTION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80644) (CPUSA=YOUTH MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80643) (CPUSA=WOMEN MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80634) (CPUSA=FARMERS MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-88297) (CPUSA=CULTURAL ACTIVITIES)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-79498) (CPUSA=VETERANS MATTERS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-54651) (CPUSA=NATIONAL GROUPS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80864) (CPUSA=RELIGION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-81675) (CPUSA=PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-80633) (CPUSA=EDUCATION)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-133902) (CPUSA=ATTEMPTS OF CP TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATIONS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-140277) (CPUSA INTEREST IN PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-4931)(415)

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No pertinent information concerning the following
was developed for inclusion in the above report:

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC [REDACTED]

FROM: SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: July 29, 1960

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Furn.	Agent	Location
[REDACTED]	7/12/60	7/13/60	ROBERT C. NORTON (Written)	[REDACTED]

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

For assistance in reviewing report a number in parenthesis following a name or title set forth below will indicate that there is a reference to that name or title on the page or pages whose number will be enclosed in the parenthesis. Where no number is set out it is suggested that the entire report be reviewed for information on the subject matter.

The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

- 1 - Boston (REGISTERED MAIL)
GEORGE MEYERS (2)
- 2 - Louisville (REGISTERED MAIL)
SOUTHERN NEWSLETTER (4)
FUNDS (4)
- 7 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
ORGANIZATION, CP, USA (2,3,4)
MEMBERSHIP (2,3)
PHIL BART (3)
FUNDS (4)
EDUCATION (4)
HYMAN LUMER (4)
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(Please see Page 1-a).

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8 - WFO (REGISTERED MAIL)
ORGANIZATION (2)
[Redacted] (2,3)
[Redacted] (2)
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BRIEF FILE (4)

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22 - Baltimore

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100-12076 GEORGE MEYERS
100-10584
100-10975
100-18684
100-12412
100-10395 (5,6)
100-13730
100-21866 (5)
100-11953
100-new (5,7)
100-12464 ORGANIZATION
100-11800 BRIEF FILE (1,4)
100-12125 PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS (1,2,4,5,6)
100-12459 POLITICAL ACTIVITIES (2,5,6)
100-12485 NEGRO QUESTION (2,5,6)
100-12458 FACTIONALISM (3)
100-12470 NATIONAL GROUPS (3)
100-11640 FUNDS (3,4,6)
100-12244 EDUCATION (4)
100-21896 COMINFIL NALC (5)
100-12948 THE WORKER (7)

[REDACTED]

" Baltimore, Maryland
July 13, 1960

" On July 12, 1960, GEORGE MEYERS, CP National Executive Committee member and Chairman of the Maryland - D. C. CP District, went to the home of [REDACTED] District Board member, [REDACTED] Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, at about 7:00 p.m.

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MEYERS, after a brief conversation with [REDACTED], went to his car and brought back to the house a large shopping bag containing CP literature.

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MEYERS explained that he intended to go on vacation for about two weeks visiting friends in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

MEYERS then commented that he had not been feeling too well lately and last Wednesday had fainted while taking a shower. MEYERS said that this delayed his visit to CP Headquarters in New York which he had planned to make the following day.

MEYERS then said that despite the delay, he had visited CP Headquarters the previous week for a couple of days and had also made a visit to Washington, D. C. MEYERS said with regard to the latter visit, he had telephoned BILL JOHNSON, CP Chairman in the Washington, D. C. area, and Maryland - D. C. CP District Board member, and had made arrangements to meet with him. MEYERS said he waited from 10:10 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. but JOHNSON did not appear.

MEYERS said while in D. C. he saw GEORGE MURPHY and that MURPHY had told him to bring [REDACTED] to Washington, after MEYERS had returned from his vacation. MEYERS said that MURPHY had said that he intended to come to Baltimore within the next couple of weeks and see [REDACTED] since he felt that their last contact had been profitable. MEYERS said that MURPHY was interested in learning from [REDACTED] what chances Negro candidates might have for election to political office in the Maryland - D. C. area.

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MEYERS then said that he had visited D. C. upon instruction of CP Headquarters in New York who wanted him to contact former CP members in that area, particularly Negroes, and see what could be done. MEYERS said he saw several of these

[REDACTED]

people and they told him that BILL JOHNSON had not been doing anything. MEYERS commented that JOHNSON, after being convicted of theft recently, had not been active in CP matters.

MEYERS then said that when he had visited CP Headquarters in New York recently, he had asked them about his taking a couple of weeks off from his job to make personal contacts with former CP members in areas other than Maryland and D. C. MEYERS said he told them that there was not much activity in the Baltimore area and that only he and [REDACTED] were active on the District Board. MEYERS said that they gave him permission to take two weeks off or longer following his vacation to mobilize the Party in other areas.

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MEYERS then said that he also spoke to the people in New York about PHIL BART, CP National Organizational Secretary, coming to the Baltimore area soon to straighten out the organizational situation.

MEYERS then commented that he was extremely dissatisfied with [REDACTED] Maryland - D. C. CP District Board member, for her lack of activity and commented that he felt that she was dishonest. He said that he did not believe she was keeping accurate fund records.

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[REDACTED] then reprimanded MEYERS for failing to bring [REDACTED] to task adding, however, that he understood that MEYERS wanted to hold the Jewish CP members together and that MEYERS felt that [REDACTED] was their closest contact.

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[REDACTED] then commented that he also felt that [REDACTED] was keeping incorrect records and cited several reports that she had made which did not jibe.

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MEYERS then commented that in any event PHIL BART and one other from CP Headquarters would be in Baltimore soon and would help straighten out the situation.

The two then further discussed [REDACTED] and her keeping of the fund records and it was decided that no more money would be handed to her until she had been brought to task.

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MEYERS again stated that after his vacation someone from

[REDACTED]

to MEYERS for payment of the Post Office box.

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At this point MEYERS opened up the shopping bag full of CP literature and gave most of it to [REDACTED]. The literature, according to [REDACTED], was to be sold for the following prices:

44 copies "Horizon of the Future for Socialist America",
\$.20 a copy

50 copies of "Some Aspects of the Negro Question in the United States", \$.15 a copy

4 copies of the "American Revolution" by HERBERT APTHEKER at \$3.50 a copy

500 copies of the pamphlet entitled "The Summit Failure", no charge

Several copies of the pamphlet "The Gentleman from Mississippi" by ELIZABETH LAWSON at \$.35 a copy

MEYERS also handed [REDACTED] about 15 copies of a questionnaire entitled "Questionnaire on Political Affairs" which was put out by the publication "Political Affairs" and which requested background information on the individuals who read the publication. MEYERS said he wanted all members of the Party locally to fill out the questionnaire and sign it. MEYERS and [REDACTED] then discussed the handling of the petitions entitled "People for STEVENSON" whose local headquarters were 447 Equitable Building, Baltimore, Maryland. [REDACTED] pointed out that the group he had been in contact with had obtained about 120 signatures and that the petitions had been sent to the local STEVENSON constituent who had left for the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles.

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MEYERS then asked as to the date of the next NALC meeting which [REDACTED] said would take place July 19, 1960. [REDACTED] then added that [REDACTED] CP Negro Commission Chairman, and [REDACTED] CP Ship Club Chairman, who were officers in the local NALC, were contacting [REDACTED] President of the local NALC, about a program for the organization.

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MEYERS then pointed out that the Tuesday issue of the Baltimore Afro-American newspaper had indicated that Negroes in

[redacted]

Tennessee who were fighting segregation had been unable to get credit and even unable to use their gasoline credit cards. He instructed [redacted] to have CP members contact [redacted] and see that a letter was sent to officials of Amoco and Esso in Baltimore concerning this withholding of credit to Negroes.

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At this point [redacted] telephoned [redacted] and said that the new contract with the Bethlehem Shipyard was not favorable to the union and the membership were angry.

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[redacted] then made arrangements to meet with [redacted] and [redacted] on July 13, 1960.

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[redacted] arrived at about 8:20 p.m.

MEYERS told [redacted] that he was leaving that coming Saturday for a two-week vacation and that he wanted [redacted] to pick up the key to the Party Post Office box at MEYERS' home and collect the mail at least twice a week. He then told [redacted] of the conversation that he had just completed with [redacted]

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MEYERS asked [redacted] when the two of them were to meet with [redacted] CP member, recently returned from England. [redacted] said no definite date had been arranged but he would let MEYERS know. MEYERS then instructed [redacted] to bring [redacted] to see [redacted] in the place of MEYERS since he, MEYERS, was going on vacation.

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[redacted] then upon the request of MEYERS paid \$3.50 to [redacted] for the book "The American Revolution".

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MEYERS left at about 8:35 p.m. saying that he would see [redacted] upon his return from vacation.

[redacted] after a short conversation with [redacted] about the petitions for ADLAI STEVENSON, called [redacted] on the telephone and then told [redacted] that the two of them would meet with [redacted] about 7:00 p.m. the following Thursday.

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[redacted] asked what the subject of their conversation would be. [redacted] replied what [redacted] could do or would be willing to do for the CP. [redacted] then said that he planned to see [redacted] July 13, 1960. [redacted] said to ask [redacted] if he knew a [redacted] [redacted] said he had been mailing "The

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Worker" to [redacted] but recently it had been returned.

[redacted] left about 9:05 p.m."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-128817)

DATE: 8/5/60

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP
NY DISTRICT
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ReNYlet, 6/10/60.

As of 8/1/60, over-all statistics relative to active CP members in the NY Division are as follows:

(1) Estimated number of CP members 1920

- 2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-26603) (NY STATE CP) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C40) (BRONX) (421)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C41) (QUEENS) (423)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C42) (NEW YORK) (424)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C43) (KINGS) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C44) (WESTCHESTER) (421)
- 1 - New York (100-26603-C45) (NASSAU) (423)
- 1 - New York (100-132430) (INDUSTRIAL DIVISION) (42)
- ① - New York (100-80638) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-128817) (414)

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(2) Number of members identified since last progress letter	35
(3) Number of members identified to date	973
(4) Number tentatively identified as CP members since last progress letter	16
(5) Number tentatively identified as CP members to date	88

Statistics for each of the major Party breakdowns in this area are as follows:

("P" represents positive identification, "T" represents tentative identifications.)

NY 100-128817

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Total 6/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>New Since 6/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>Deletions and Transfers P/T</u>	<u>Net Change P/T</u>	<u>Total 8/1/60 P/T</u>	<u>Estimated Current Membership</u>
Bronx County	184/11	7/0	-9/0	-2/0	182/11	246
Kings County	181/8	9/3	-18/-4	-9/-1	172/7	305
Queens County	131/5	3/3	-15/0	-12/3	119/8	117
NY County	277/25	7/0	-16/-11	-9/-11	268/14	504
Nassau County	20/1	0/0	-3/0	-3/0	17/1	61
Westchester County	13/2	0/0	-1/0	-1/0	12/2	50
Industrial	169/62	9/10	25/-27	34/-17	203/45	637
	<u>975/114</u>	<u>35/16</u>	<u>-27/42</u>	<u>-2/-26</u>	<u>973/88</u>	<u>1920</u>

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Concerning estimated current membership, received from WILLIAM ALBERTSON, Labor Secretary, CP, USA, statistical data concerning the "1960 Fund Drive as of July 8." Included with these statistics is an organizational breakdown of dues payments a pertinent portion of which is as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>1960 Monthly Average</u>	<u>% of Registered Membership Paid</u>
Bronx	111	45%
Kings	110	36%
Queens	62	53%
New York	343	68%
Nassau	27	44%
Westchester	26	52%
Industrial	325	51%

From the above breakdown of dues payments as of 7/8/60, the current CP membership within the New York Office area can be computed to be as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Estimated Current Membership</u>
Bronx	246
Kings	305
Queens	117
New York	504
Nassau	61
Westchester	50
Industrial	637
Total	1920

It may be noted that the estimate so computed is not inconsistent with the estimate of 1928 set out in referenced NY letter of 6/10/60.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-8261)
SUBJECT: COMINFIL NAACP
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DATE: 8/8/60

Re Bulet dated 5-24-60, and Chicago letter to Bureau, 6/6/60, Bulet to Chicago 6/13/60, Minneapolis letter to Chicago 6/24/60, Minneapolis letters to Bureau 6/22, 23, 24 and 27/60 and Minneapolis letter to Chicago 6/30/60, all captioned as above.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished information to SA [redacted] on June 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, 1960, and SA [redacted] on June 22, 1960, both of the Minneapolis Office, pertaining to the Cominfil at the National Convention, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), held at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 21 to 26, 1960. This information was then put in a narative form and forwarded to the Chicago Office to be authenticated.

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This information was presented to [redacted] by SA [redacted] and was reread and authenticated by the source on July 7, 1960, at Chicago.

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The original information is being retained in Chicago file [redacted]

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- 3 - Bureau (RM) (Inf)
- 2 - Cominfil NAACP
- 1 - CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP
- 2 - Cleveland (RM) (Inf)
- 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 6 - Detroit (RM) (Inf)
- 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - 100- [redacted]
- 1 - 100- [redacted]
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- 2 - Indianapolis (RM) (Inf)
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1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 2 - Kansas City (RM) (Inf)
1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
100- [REDACTED]
- 7 - Los Angeles (RM) (Inf)
1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
1 - 100- (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100- (PETTIS PERRY)
1 - 100- (CP, USA - FUNDS)
1 - 100- (MARCH ON THE CONVENTIONS MOVEMENT - FOR FREEDOM NOW)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
1 - 100- (CP, USA - NEGRO MATTERS)
- 15 - Minneapolis (RM) (Inf)
1 - 100-7001 (COMINFIL NAACP)
1 - 100- (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100- (CP, USA - STRATEGY)
1 - 100- (CP, USA YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
1 - 100- (NEGRO VOTERS LEAGUE)
1 - 100- (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
1 - 100- (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - 100- (UNSUB, NEGRO, MALE, 38-39 YRS, MED. COMPLEXION,
EMPLOYED MINNEAPOLIS POST OFFICE)
1 - 157- (NEGRO AGITATION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS)
1 - 100- (CORE)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 2 - Mobile (RM) (Inf)
1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
1 - 100- (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 3 - Memphis (RM) (Inf)
1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
1 - 157- (NEGRO AGITATION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 2 - New Haven (RM) (Inf)
1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 25 - New York (RM) (Inf)
1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
1 - 100- (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100- (CP, USA STRATEGY)

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- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA - FUNDS)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA YOUTH MATTERS)
- 1 - 100- (ROY WILKINS)
- 1 - 100- (TED R. BASSETT)
- 1 - 100- ("THE WORKER")
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1 - 100- (NEGRO AGITATION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS)
- 1 - 100- (CORE)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- (CAROLINE (W, FEMALE, BLONDE HAIR, 5'6", BUILD THIN, ABOUT 39 YRS. OLD)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-129802 (COUNTER - INTELLIGENCE)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - 100- (NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA N.C.)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 3 - New Orleans (RM) (Inf)
- 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 157- (NEGRO AGITATION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS)
- 2 - Norfolk (RM) (Inf)
- 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 2 - Oklahoma City (RM) (Inf)
- 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 3 - Richmond (RM) (Inf)
- 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 4 - Philadelphia (RM) (Inf)
- 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
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- 2 - St. Louis (RM) (Inf)
 - 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 2 - San Francisco (RM) (Inf)
 - 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 6 - WFO (RM) (Inf)
 - 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NAACP)
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100- (NATIONAL STUDENTS COUNCIL)
 - 1 - 100- (CP, USA INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
 - 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100- (MARCH ON THE CONVENTIONS MOVEMENT - FOR FREEDOM NOW)
- 41 - Chicago

- 1 - 100-34438 (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGANIZATION)
- 1 - 61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA STRATEGY)
- 1 - 100-33927 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-33742 (CP, USA FUNDS)
- 1 - 100- (CP, USA POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)
- 1 - 100-33745 (CP, USA YOUTH MATTERS)
- 1 - 100-36651 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-18952 (CP OF ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - 100- (CP OF ILLINOIS MORGAN PARK YOUTH COUNCIL)
- 1 - 100-18953 (CP OF ILLINOIS ORGANIZATIONS)
- 1 - 100-19029 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-35579 (CHICAGO LEAGUE OF NEGRO VOTERS)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-33729 (CP OF ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 1 - 100-33737 (CP, USA PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-18209 (CP OF ILLINOIS PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100-35806 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- (MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF NEGRO VOTERS)
- 1 - 100-35814 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-33731 (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1 - 157-42 (NEGRO AGITATION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS)
- 1 - 100-11329 (CORE)
- 1 - 100-37453 (MARCH ON THE CONVENTIONS MOVEMENT - FOR FREEDOM NOW)
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]

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- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-36938 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-33742 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - 100-18305 (NATIONAL STUDENTS COUNCIL)
- 1 - 100-28262 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-32915 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-32142 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-16601 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100- [REDACTED]
- 1 - 100-33748 [REDACTED]

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The 51st Annual Convention of the NAACP opened at St. Paul, Minnesota, on Tuesday, June 21, 1960, with headquarters at the Municipal Auditorium, St. Paul, and much of the activity centering around the St. Paul Hotel.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, Chairman, CP of Illinois, appeared in St. Paul early in the morning of June 21, 1960, to contact his associates. LIGHTFOOT was in St. Paul to coordinate and direct CP strategy in an attempt to influence the NAACP convention. LIGHTFOOT indicated that his "key men" at the convention, through which he would try to work, were [redacted], a CP member from New York City, who was a delegate to the National Convention, and [redacted], a CP member from Chicago, who was an alternate delegate to the convention. HYMER eventually became a delegate on June 22, 1960.

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It had originally been suggested that PETTIS PERRY, a CP official who is familiar with NAACP affairs, was to have come from the West Coast to attend the St. Paul convention, but LIGHTFOOT stated PERRY was unable to do so because of the expenses involved, and accordingly, LIGHTFOOT was taking his place.

LIGHTFOOT's early instructions to CP members active at the convention were to push housing for Negroes by recommending the establishment of a National Housing Committee and a definite legislative program assuring open occupancy on a national level. The CP also urged active interest in discussions involving youth participation in segregation protests and preparing youth for NAACP leadership, which were items on the agenda set up by the National Office of the NAACP.

In connection with individuals in attendance at the NAACP Convention, [redacted] CP member from the Bronx, was observed on June 20, 1960, in connection with pre-convention activities. [redacted] occupied Room 316 at the St. Paul Hotel and was attending the convention as an official delegate from the Bronx, New York group of NAACP.

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[redacted] from Chicago, who has been connected with the Progressive Movement in the past, and is scheduled to be asked to join the CP, was observed at pre-convention activities on June 20, 1960, and was attending the convention as an alternate delegate from the Morgan Park Youth Council

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Section. [] is active in youth work in Chicago and is vice-president of the Morgan Park Youth Council. [] was staying at Room 664 of the Ryan Hotel.

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was supposed to have arrived in St. Paul on Monday, June 20, 1960, but was not observed until Tuesday morning. On the morning of June 21, 1960, LIGHTFOOT tried to register as an official observer at the convention, but when the official listings of observers were subsequently released later during the morning, it was noticed that his name had been scratched out on these listings and that he had not been accepted by the registration committee in this capacity.

The opening session of the convention started at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, and during these early convention sessions LIGHTFOOT introduced himself to various NAACP officials, including ROY WILKINS, and tried to develop friendly contacts with some of these individuals, but the very mention of his name caused considerable consternation among NAACP leaders and convention delegates. When the Chicago delegation to the convention noticed LIGHTFOOT's name scratched out on the observer sheets, they were all aware and concerned over his presence at the convention.

Accordingly TED R. BASSETT, a New York reporter for "The Worker", stated during the afternoon session that it had been decided that he, BASSETT, was to serve as liaison man for LIGHTFOOT during the convention and would contact individuals for LIGHTFOOT and arrange meetings, etc.

In connection with the meeting held at Room 221, Ryan Hotel at 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 1960, which had been announced by a note circulated by TED BASSETT, New York Reporter for "The Worker," the following is noted:

[] in whose room the meeting was held, is known to be a CP member at Chicago, and was attending the NAACP Convention as an observer.

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[] of Chicago, who is not positively known to be a CP member, shared this room with [] and both [] were at the convention to push interest in the Negro Voters League, in which they are active in Chicago.

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[redacted], who had been in the room during the early hours, had been a childhood friend of [redacted] and was visiting [redacted] as a personal friend. [redacted] is now divorced and [redacted] is his girl friend. [redacted] is described as female, Negro, 35 years old, 5'5" tall, 135 pounds, medium complexion, and a resident of Minnesota for some ten years.

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During the time that [redacted] and [redacted] were in the room the group talked on general subjects with general comments on politics and the convention. The talk would turn to the activities of the Negro Voters League and it was announced that a meeting was to be held in Minneapolis on Friday night, June 24, 1960, in connection with the local Twin Cities group of the Negro Voters League, which was indicated to be made up of some 200 members. This local group is led by a Minneapolis woman who was apparently organizing the Friday night meeting, which was to be attended by [redacted] and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT.

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When [redacted] and [redacted] left the room some time after midnight, the actual meeting got under way with LIGHTFOOT instructing those present in what was to be done in connection with the convention:

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1.) [redacted], who had been invited to this meeting but had not attended, was to push resolutions concerning jobs (Fair Employment Practices).

2.) [redacted] was to circulate a folder and cover letter to convention delegates. This pamphlet, captioned "Freedom Now! A Plan to Increase the Political Power of Negro Citizens," dated June, 1960, and issued by [redacted], Midwest Conference of Negro Voters, and [redacted], Executive Director, Chicago League of Negro Voters, Post Office Box 6133, Chicago 80, Illinois. The cover letter to be circulated with the pamphlet was on the letterhead of the Chicago League of Negro Voters and introduced [redacted] as official delegates of the Chicago League of Negro Voters to the NAACP Convention. The letter was signed by [redacted] and [redacted]

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3.) The CP wanted to introduce and obtain support for a resolution on Civil Rights, which resolution had been written by [redacted], apparently at the suggestion of

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LIGHTFOOT. This resolution declared that the 51st Annual Convention of the NAACP should state emphatically that no candidate nor platform would be accepted which did not call for the following:

"(a.) A Presidential Executive Order creating a Federal Fair Employment Practices Act with full powers to investigate and remedy discriminatory employment practices in both public and private concerns.

(b.) A Presidential Executive Order against segregated housing with special emphasis on the prohibition of Federal Reserve Banks providing mortgage money for the building, financing, etc., of segregated housing.

(c.) A Presidential Order implementing and guaranteeing the right of Negro citizens to vote in the South; that under this order the President use the full powers of his office to protect the lives, properties and fortunes of Negro citizens exercising this right.

(d.) The setting up, under the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, agencies throughout the country to promote better relationships between the races by carrying on a nation-wide program of human relations.

(e.) The appointment of a Negro to the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

(f.) The appointment of a Negro to fill the first vacancy occurring on the Supreme Court."

The group discussed the difficulty in introducing this resolution to the convention and considered the possibility of approaching [redacted] Evanston, Illinois, NAACP delegate serving on the Resolutions Committee, in this connection. There was no indication during this discussion that [redacted] was in any way sympathetic to the CP or to any of the individuals involved, but only that he might be used as an innocent instrument for this group. It was decided to consider this further.

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It is to be noted that all of these above-mentioned resolutions pertain to items that are already of interest and concern to the NAACP convention workshops, ie., voter's rights, housing, Fair Employment Practices, Civil Rights, etc.

During this meeting on June 21, 1960, it was learned that [redacted] of Chicago, a CP official in Illinois, had called [redacted] long distance and had indicated that he, [redacted], might be in St. Paul later during the convention.

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That night it was also learned that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT was residing in Room 336 at the Ryan Hotel; that he had driven his car to St. Paul and that upon leaving St. Paul at the end of the convention, probably Saturday, he had another appointment, place unknown.

The following day, June 22, 1960, [redacted] stated that he was to have attended the meeting at [redacted] room the night before, but that he had become lost and was unable to get there.

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On the late afternoon of June 22, 1960, after the convention workshop sessions had terminated, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT advised a few of his friends that he was concerned and discouraged over the lack of progress made by the Party in trying to influence convention activities. He indicated that to date these activities had generally failed; that [redacted] had failed to be elected to the National Youth Work Committee and had been unable to have any influence in that area; that Party-instigated attempts to introduce a resolution urging housing matters had failed and it was being abandoned.

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LIGHTFOOT said that [redacted] had not been very active circulating the pamphlet on the Negro's Political Power which he was supposed to be circulating in connection with the Chicago League of Negro Voters; and that to date no delegate had been located to introduce to the convention the Civil Rights resolution written by [redacted]

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LIGHTFOOT stated that he planned to attend a convention workshop on Wednesday, dealing with the Negroes' use of economic power and urged other CP members to attend convention workshops.

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During the late afternoon session at the NAACP National Convention at St. Paul on June 21, 1960, TED BASSETT, who is a reporter for "The Worker" in New York City, contacted several individuals at the convention and advised them in writing of a meeting to be held at 11:00 p.m., that night in Room 221 at the Ryan Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. That night, shortly past 11:00 p.m., it was noted that the following individuals were at the gathering in Room 221:

[redacted]
[redacted] who are active in the Chicago Negro Voters League and are CP members;

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and [redacted]
[redacted] a CP member from Chicago who was an alternate delegate to the NAACP Convention;

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One [redacted], a friend of [redacted] who was a Negro male, 38 or 39 years old, medium complexion, employed at the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Post Office;

A [redacted] (Ph.) who was a girl friend of [redacted]

After awhile [redacted] left the room and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT expressed anger at [redacted] for letting his two friends in, indicating that apparently [redacted] and his girl friend [redacted] were not CP members.

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During this meeting LIGHTFOOT laid down the CP tactics for upcoming sessions of the National Convention, and called for support for a resolution calling for support of measures to bring about equal rights for Negroes. LIGHTFOOT indicated that although one CP member at the convention was originally to have pushed a resolution on housing, these instructions were being revised and a resolution on youth activities was to be pushed.

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It was also learned that [redacted] a delegate to the convention from New York City, was in the CP faction and was to push two resolutions at the National Convention; one on jobs and one on South Africa.

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ACTIVITIES OF 51ST
NAACP ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 20, 1960

Monday, June 20, 1960, was devoted primarily to the registration of delegates to the convention at the Municipal Auditorium, St. Paul, Minnesota, from 12 noon on. However, during the morning of June 20, 1960, at 10:00 a.m., the youth delegates to the convention met in a meeting for National Youth Work Committee. This meeting was attended by the various officers of the Youth Councils throughout the country, as well as the adult Youth Advisers and Youth Work Committee Workers.

At 2:00 p.m., on June 20, 1960, a meeting was held which was a pre-convention leadership workshop for adult advisers to the youth group. These youth meetings consisted of discussions for goals at the forthcoming convention. The two primary points emphasized during this discussion were: 1.) the ironing out of gripes between the city branches and their youth councils which appeared to demand constitutional changes to allow more autonomy on the part of the Youth Council so that the youth groups would not be so subservient to the dictates of the branches; 2.) the lack of effectiveness on the part of the National Youth Work Committee to date stems from the fact that due to finances it only meets once a year. It was felt that this committee, which is made up of four members from each region, should be allowed more funds to meet more often during the year to effect a better program for the youth.

June 21, 1960

At 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, a special preliminary meeting of the Executive Secretary with branch and state conference presidents was held. Among those in attendance at this affair was BARBARA TILLER, Vice-President of the Morgan Park Youth Council, Chicago.

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During this session ROY WILKINS, NAACP Executive Secretary, answered questions put to him by those present, concerning NAACP general policies. In this connection WILKINS stated that the NAACP does not specifically endorse political candidates, but will publicize candidates' stand on Civil Rights. He generally instructed those present on branch policies and the limits of branch policies, particularly in connection with the Youth Council

It was clear that there has ^{been} friction in various parts of the country, between NAACP branches and their youth councils. WILKINS pointed out that the branch has no say over doctrines passed down to the Youth Council from the National Office, etc., but that the branch does have control over plans and programs initiated by the youth council itself.

Someone questioned WILKINS as to the fact that the National Office of NAACP was understaffed and overworked, and WILKINS explained that this was necessary in view of budget limits. WILKINS was questioned as to NAACP's relation with CORE and such organizations, and WILKINS stated that NAACP was the biggest and most important group fighting for Negro rights, and that although these other groups are important, too, they should not be supported to the extent that NAACP is shortchanged for workers and funds.

During this discussion period it was pointed out that two mass rallies were planned by NAACP in connection with the forthcoming political Democratic and Republican Conventions; the first mass rally to be held in Los Angeles, California, on July 10, 1960, in connection with the Democratic Convention, and the second mass rally to be held July 24, 1960, at 4100 South Parkway, Chicago, in connection with the Republican Convention. Although these mass rallies are to be NAACP projects, MARTIN LUTHER KING and A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH are lending support to these rallies. However, it was pointed out that KING and RANDOLPH want to carry this activity further and hold picket demonstrations at the Democratic and Republican Conventions themselves, but ROY WILKINS is more conservative and does not want to involve the NAACP in this actual picketing demonstration.

At 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 21, 1960, the convention officially opened with the convention organization meetings, which was called to order by Chairman CHESTER I. LEWIS of Wichita, Kansas.

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The details of this meeting are set out in a mimeographed release from the convention, captioned Summary of Minutes of the 51st Annual Convention, Convention Organization Meeting, Tuesday, June 21, 1960. This summary also includes the results of the election of regional chairmen and secretaries and the regional representatives to the rules, credentials, time and place, constitution revision, resolutions, national youth work, and freedom fund dinner committees, which elections were held at 3:30 p.m., that afternoon. It was noted that Mr. M.T. BLANTON, Chicago, Illinois, was elected as one of the Region III representatives to the Time and Place Committee, which committee was to set the place of the 1962 convention. BLANTON, some 80 years old, is a personal friend of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and it has been rumored that he put up money for LIGHTFOOT's bail in the past.

At 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, 1960, a mass meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mrs. ADDIE FEW, President, St. Paul Branch, NAACP. Featured speaker at this meeting was Dr. ROBERT C. WEAVER, Chairman of the Board of Directors, NAACP, who delivered the convention keynote address.

It is to be noted that the complete agenda of convention activities is set out in the official program of the 51st Annual Convention of NAACP, put out by the National Office, NAACP, New York City.

June 22, 1960

The Convention Plenary Session opened at 9:00 a.m., under the chairmanship of Mrs. DORETHA A. COMBE, Lake Charles, Louisiana, President, Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP Branch. This session included a report from the National Youth Work Committee and additional reports of regional elections, including representatives to the National Youth Work Committee and the Freedom Fund Dinner Committee. Details of activities of this session are set out in a mimeographed convention release captioned Summary Minutes of Convention Plenary Session, Wednesday, June 22, 1960.

From 10:00 a.m., until noon, and from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, delegates devoted their time to meetings of regional workshops. These regional workshops for regions one through six, each met with a chairman,

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discussion leaders, and consultants, and the subject matters dealt with included: coordinating the assault on segregation, Parts I and II; political action for Civil Rights; preparing youth for NAACP leadership; selective use of economic power.

At each session a different region discussed one of these subjects in details as a workshop, and by Saturday each region would have worked on each phase of the program.

Additional activities on Wednesday were a life membership luncheon at noon, and a 8:00 p.m., mass meeting billed as "Africa Night," featuring an address by Dr. MLAHLENI NJISANE, visiting professor, Howard University, Washington, D.C., from the Union of South Africa.

In the late evening of June 22, 1960, [redacted] called a meeting in his room, Room 316 at the St. Paul Hotel. This meeting was attended by various individuals, some of whom were obviously not CP members. Those in attendance included the following:

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New York;

[redacted]

Chicago;

[redacted]

Chicago;

[redacted]

Chicago;

[redacted] from
[redacted] Illinois, delegate
to the NAACP convention,
who was interested in a
labor resolution;

[redacted] from
Detroit, Michigan, an
observer at the convention,
interested in a labor resolution;

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[redacted] from
Detroit, an observer at the
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[redacted] River Rouge,
Michigan, an alternate
delegate to the convention
who was interested in a peace
resolution; and one or
two unknown individuals.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT intentionally did not attend this meeting so as not to alarm the non-Party people as to his CP connections.

[redacted] generally ran this meeting and urged the presentation of three resolutions to the convention, as follows:

1. A peace resolution which had been written by [redacted] himself will try to present this resolution.
2. A Civil Rights resolution which had been written by [redacted] which [redacted] will try to have introduced to the convention.
3. A labor resolution which they would try to have introduced by someone not necessarily a CP member. It was hoped that [redacted] would take action on this resolution.

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[redacted] called another meeting for this group for 11:00 p.m., Friday, June 24, 1960, in his hotel room.

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At the close of business sessions at the convention on Thursday, June 23, 1960, which sessions were devoted primarily to the meeting of Regional Workshops, [redacted] stated that attempts to introduce his Civil Rights resolution had failed to date; that [redacted] had given it to a minister in the Chicago delegation who was not a CP member, and that no action had been taken on the resolution so far. As of that time it was felt that CP members active at the convention, had not been in any way active in pushing their causes,

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and that during the workshop sessions on Thursday, no CP members were known to have been vocal or active in any way.

On the evening of Friday, June 24, 1960, several delegates from the Chicago Branch, NAACP, were gathered in the lobby of the St. Paul Hotel, including [redacted] Chicago Branch President. This group was lobbying in an effort to gain support for Chicago as a future convention site. During the evening CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT came into the St. Paul Hotel lobby. LIGHTFOOT was accompanied by an unknown male, white, individual about 50 years old, 5' 7" tall, 170 pounds with dark brown wavy hair, and a decided limp, and an unknown female, white, blond, 5'6", thin, about 39 years old. This woman was later determined to be "CAROLINE" from New York. LIGHTFOOT left his associates and approached the Chicago delegation and shook hands and greeted [redacted] and one or two other delegates. LIGHTFOOT asked if he, [redacted] had been able to do anything about the Civil Rights resolution but [redacted] replied that it was too late at this point in the convention to be able to do anything about it. [redacted] gave the general impression to an observer that he had not intended to do much about it anyway.

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After this brief exchange, LIGHTFOOT returned to his friends and apparently left the St. Paul Hotel.

Saturday, June 25, 1960, was devoted to the Convention Plenary Session on Legislative Matters, and during this session the CP, through its few controlled delegates, was not active to any degree from the convention floor and had no influence on convention affairs. WILLIAM or ROBERT MING, National NAACP Official who presided at this meeting, ran the meeting in a dominating fashion and allowed no delaying or distracting tactics.

After the general legislative session on Saturday, TED BASSETT, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and associates held a brief conference at the Convention Hall. BASSETT and LIGHTFOOT each indicated that the Plenary Session had "been a bust" as far as the CP was concerned.

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It was also learned on Saturday that the meeting scheduled for 11:00 p.m., Friday night in [redacted] room, #316 at the St. Paul Hotel, had not been well attended. This meeting which had included non-Party people, had been directed toward obtaining support by these people for CP resolutions, but it was apparent from the lack of activity on Saturday during the general session, that this meeting had accomplished nothing.

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT advised on June 25, 1960, that he had spent several hours that day at the Ryan Hotel Cocktail Lounge in conference with CAROLINE, the blond from New York City, with whom he had been at the St. Paul Hotel the night before. LIGHTFOOT stated that this woman had lodged an official complaint with LIGHTFOOT to the effect that [redacted] of New York, had raped her in [redacted] hotel room, apparently a day or so before, during the convention. LIGHTFOOT indicated that CAROLINE was a heavy drinker and apparently [redacted] had taken advantage of her when she was intoxicated.

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LIGHTFOOT indicated that [redacted] had been a Party member in the past but that he was not sure that [redacted] was currently a paid member. As to the possibility of expelling [redacted] from the Party as a result of this incident, LIGHTFOOT rejected this idea stating "that inasmuch as there were only about 3,000 members, the Party could not afford to lose anyone on puritanical grounds, particularly a man in [redacted] position and with his influence."

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During the week of convention activities and related meetings, it did not appear that [redacted] was in full accord with LIGHTFOOT and was probably not amenable to LIGHTFOOT's directions.

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On the morning of June 24, 1960, [redacted] Room 221 Ryan Hotel, conferred with [redacted] and others concerning the failure to date to obtain any concrete results in the presentation of resolutions urged by the CP. [redacted] indicated that although his Civil Rights resolution had apparently failed in the Resolutions Committee, Saturday, when the NAACP resolution on Civil Rights was presented to the convention, they would have a last ditch try at making amendments from the floor in connection with this resolution.

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[redacted] indicated that the labor resolution was still "in the mill" and indicated that perhaps [redacted] from [redacted] Illinois, a delegate to the convention, would carry through on this resolution. [redacted] announced that there would be a meeting at 11:00 p.m., on Friday night in [redacted] room at the St. Paul Hotel, which would not be a strictly Party meeting, but would be made up of many of the same individuals who had met with [redacted] on June 22, 1960.

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At noon on June 24, 1960, after the morning Convention Plenary Session, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, who had attended the morning session, contacted a few of his associates at Convention Hall. LIGHTFOOT was concerned about what had happened to the Civil Rights resolution which had been written by [redacted] and upon learning that it had apparently failed to be presented to the Resolutions Committee, LIGHTFOOT indicated he would have to challenge [redacted] on his failure to properly handle this assignment. At that time CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT announced that there was to be a meeting in [redacted] room, number 221, at the Ryan Hotel, at 10:00 p.m., Saturday night, to evaluate the CP's work at this convention. It is to be noted that at no time during the convention was there any proposal on the part of LIGHTFOOT or the others, to try and block the "red baiting" resolution on Communism always passed at these NAACP conventions.

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Late on the afternoon of June 24, 1960, TED BASSETT, New York reporter for "The Worker," continued to be active at the Convention Hall, covering activities on behalf of the paper. BASSETT had stated that he, BASSETT, had rented a room at the Ryan Hotel for CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and it was presumed that BASSETT was also staying at the Ryan Hotel, but later BASSETT remarked he was staying at another hotel.

BARBARA TILLER of Chicago, who was serving at the convention as an alternate delegate in the Youth Section, failed to become in any way active in convention sessions and was, in fact, not in attendance at several of the convention sessions later in the week. It is to be noted that she had no voting power at the convention.

As of Friday, June 24, 1960, [redacted] of Detroit, [redacted] of Minneapolis, [redacted] and

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[redacted] of Philadelphia, were not known to be in any way active at this convention.

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NAACP ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 23, 1960

On Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m., the Convention Plenary Session convened at the Municipal Auditorium under the chairmanship of Dr. L.H. HOLMAN, Joliet, Illinois, President, Illinois State Conference, NAACP. The principal business at this session were the reports of the Rules and Credentials Committee, and the mimeographed minutes of this session were subsequently distributed to convention delegates. The balance of the morning and the afternoon were devoted to meetings of the Regional Workshops.

At 7:00 p.m., on June 23, 1960, the Freedom Fund Report Dinner was held at the Prom Center Ballroom, St. Paul, Minnesota, with RICHARD SCOTT and wife, of Minneapolis, noted in attendance. At that time a supplemental freedom fund financial report was distributed which was current as of June 23, 1960, and reflected funds reported from Regions I through VII as of that time.

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At 9:30 a.m., Friday, a Convention Plenary Session (Legislative) convened at the Municipal Auditorium under the chairmanship of Attorney OLIVER W. HILL, Richmond, Virginia. This session included the following: 1.) A report of the Credentials Committee by Chairman PHILLIP GORDAN, Detroit, Michigan; 2.) Report of the Regional Nominations to the National Nominating Committee and to the Convention Procedure Committee; 3.) Report of the Constitution Revision Committee by Secretary Mrs. FRANKIE M. FREEMAN. It is to be noted that a mimeographed report of the committee, Constitution Revisions, was circulated to convention delegates. 4.) A report of the Resolutions Committee on Internal Affairs was made by W. LESTER BANKS, Richmond, Virginia. A mimeographed copy of the Internal Affairs resolution was circulated to convention delegates.

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Subsequent to this legislative session on June 24, 1960, a mimeographed summary minutes of this session was distributed to convention delegates.

The afternoon of Friday, June 24, 1960, was again devoted to meetings of the various Regional Workshops.

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At 8:00 p.m., on Friday, a mass meeting of "Youth and the NAACP" was held under the chairmanship of TIMOTHY JENKINS, Vice-President, Howard University Chapter, NAACP, and President, Howard University Chapter, NAACP, and President, Howard University Student Body. This meeting which was dramatic in nature and stimulating to convention delegates, featured youth speakers representing the NAACP National Youth Work Committee, an NAACP Youth Council, and the National Students Association, as well as a salute and impromptu speeches by southern students who have participated in the various sit-in demonstrations.

It is to be noted that most of the speeches during this meeting were to be recorded by an assistant of Dr. L.M. HOLMAN, Chairman, Illinois State Conference, NAACP.

June 25, 1960

The final business session of the convention was a Convention Plenary Session (Legislative) which opened at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, under the chairmanship of WILLIAM or ROBERT R. MING, member of National Board of Directors, NAACP. This session included the following business:

1. Election of National Nominating Committee. Elected were ROBERT D. ROBERTSON, Norfolk, Virginia; ANNE ALDRICH, Great Neck, New York; WILLIAM POLLARD, San Fernando Valley, California; and Dr. JAMES LEVY, Cleveland, Ohio. BARBARA POSEY, Oklahoma City,

Oklahoma, and MARGARET BUSH WILSON, St. Louis, Missouri, lost out in this election.

2. Election of Convention Procedure Committee for 1961 includes JEANETTA H. CLARK, Norwalk, Connecticut; JESSE TURNER, Memphis, Tennessee; EDNA MORRIS, Gary, Indiana, and one or two others.
3. Report of the Credentials Committee.
4. Report of the Resolutions Committee.
5. Report of the Time and Place Committee; in a stormy session the convention overruled the committee's selection of Portland, Oregon for the site of the 1962 convention, and overwhelmingly voted from the floor to hold that convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The majority of the time during this legislative session was devoted to a discussion of the various resolutions submitted to the convention by the Resolutions Committee. During these discussions the CP, through its few controlled delegates, was not active to any degree from the convention floor, and had no influence on convention affairs. WILLIAM MING, Chairman, ran the meeting in a dominating fashion and allowed no delaying or distracting tactics.

Included among the resolutions submitted and discussed at the convention were the following, mimeographed copies of which were furnished to convention delegates:

A. PREAMBLE, general policy.

A-1. POLICY STATEMENT ON COMMUNISM

This resolution passed in the same general form as it had during conventions held in the last few years and as recommended by the National Office. Several individuals challenged the general wording of this policy but none advocated drastic changes. One suggestion was made by a delegate from New York, PERCY SUTTON, a lawyer

who is a friend of OLIVER MARTIN and formerly resided in Texas. It is known that during the convention CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had talked to PERCY SUTTON, but the specific nature of this discussion was unknown.

B-1. SIT-IN DEMONSTRATIONS

This resolution was passed in essentially the same form as it was presented to the convention with only an insignificant change in the wording. Among those to speak from the floor in connection with this resolution were TERRY FRANCOIS, San Francisco; PERCY SUTTON, New York; and LASKER SMITH, Detroit. LASKER SMITH was last to speak and he denounced the resolution as too weak in its wording and as to the program it outlined. However, the convention as a whole overlooked SMITH's comments and passed the resolution.

C. BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS

This resolution passed as presented to the convention with a slight amendment as to wording, with no opposition. It was noted that during the Civil Rights discussion there was no move from the floor on the part of the CP to amend the resolution as presented.

D. SOCIAL TENSIONS

This resolution included two subsections which were not approved; one captioned Rising Black Nationalism in America, which was a warning against the Muslim activities in the United States, was tabled until the next convention after much discussion. It was felt that this part of the resolution might offend Negro Nationalist groups working overseas. Another subsection of this resolution was captioned Discrimination by Service Organizations. This section was refused approval by the Convention as too weak and it was referred to the Editorial Committee to rewrite on a stronger, broader basis. Some of the individuals who spoke in

connection with this resolution were LAWRENCE BAILEY and FLORENCE LUCAS from Jamaica, New York; JAMES BAKER, Philadelphia, and JOHN DAVIS, Alexandria, Virginia.

E. EDUCATION

This resolution, which passed as presented, included a condemnation of four southern colleges for action taken against teachers and students for activity in the student protest movements.

F. POLITICAL ACTION

This resolution passed as presented and in so doing, an amendment by POOLE to eliminate the paragraph "The organizations must be non-partisan. They must give full and unqualified support to the United States Constitution." was defeated.

G. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

There was an attempt by some of those in attendance to delete part of paragraph 4 of this resolution pertaining to the closed shop, but this was defeated. During further discussion of this resolution OLIVER MARTIN of New York, made a motion from the floor to the effect that an endorsement of a shorter work week be added to the resolution as an effective method of combating unemployment. No attempt was made to define shorter work week. This amendment was accepted by the convention and the resolution was referred to the Editorial Committee for rewriting.

H. HOUSING AND HEALTH

Accepted as presented.

I. FOREIGN POLICY

One of the elements of this resolution captioned "Policy Statement on Apartheid in South Africa," was amended to boycott goods from Union of South Africa, and referred to the Editorial Committee. There was also discussion of another section of this resolution entitled "Policy Statement on Peace and Imperialism." During the discussion on peace, OLIVER MARTIN of New York, moved that amendment be added proposing that the United States meet Red China in conferences to iron out their differences in the interests of peace (recognition of Red China). This motion by MARTIN was seconded by several individuals, including RICHARD SCOTT of Minneapolis, but it was subsequently tabled on a motion by a Los Angeles delegate, and thereby killed.

K. INTERNAL AFFAIRS

This resolution had previously been discussed at the legislative session on June 24, 1960, and was approved.

L. FELICITATIONS

Approved as presented.

It is to be noted that all of these resolutions will be consolidated by the Editorial Committee and subsequently printed in booklet form.

CP ACTIVITIES IN
CONNECTION WITH THE CONVENTION

On Friday, June 24, 1960, [redacted] from Chicago, active in the Chicago League of Negro Voters, arrived in St. Paul, [redacted] stayed at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, and attended the Saturday legislative session of the convention.

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During the legislative sessions on Saturday, [redacted] was active in the lobby at the Municipal Auditorium, passing out written material concerning Negro voting rights, to convention delegates, which material was being circulated under the letterhead of the Chicago League of Negro Voters.

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On Saturday, June 25, 1960, [redacted] indicated that the general rumor was going around at the convention that there had been a split in the NAACP Hierarchy with the more liberal group opposing WILKINS and his conservative leadership. In this connection it was rumored that HERBERT WRIGHT, National Youth Secretary, might be replaced.

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At the direction of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a meeting was held at 10:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 25, 1960, in a hotel room on the second floor of the Ryan Hotel. The announced purpose of this meeting was to evaluate the CP's work at the NAACP convention. This meeting was poorly attended, with only a few CP members present, including LIGHTFOOT. Prior to the meeting actually getting under way, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had a private conversation with [redacted] of several minutes duration, and it was assumed this might have been in connection with the incident involving [redacted] and CAROLINE from New York.

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As the meeting got under way, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated that he did not know what happened to [redacted] and his friend, who were supposed to have been at the meeting and were not. LIGHTFOOT indicated, however, that perhaps it was better that they were not in attendance inasmuch as he was dissatisfied with their work at the convention. LIGHTFOOT called for some observations by those in attendance, as to the positive and negative results of CP attempts to influence convention activities.

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[redacted] stated that he thought this year's convention had been better than in the past, and that in spite of the passage of the "red baiting" resolution, the Party had succeeded in inserting a shorter work week amendment in the labor resolution. [redacted] indicated that the group he had met with Friday night had generally deserted the cause on the floor during the Saturday session, and that apparently they were not the right people. He indicated the Party should place more people in NAACP activities because only voting

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delegates were of any value at a convention such as this, and only two or so delegates at this convention were CP controlled and even they were restricted by conservative elements.

It was generally agreed that more work should be done by the Party in the branch level presenting proposals for resolutions far in advance of the convention date, gaining support for their causes, and assuring their election as delegates to the convention. Someone indicated that it was hoped the Party could get many more delegates to the NAACP convention next year in Philadelphia.

There was some discussion on the fact that the re-organization of the NAACP in many communities, from smaller units into larger big city branches, had handicapped the CP and generally diminished the effect of any Communist infiltration. [redacted] stated that although the Party had had no particular influence in the NAACP youth work at the convention, the NAACP itself had developed an ambitious and militant program which was generally in keeping with the CP's objectives.

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TED BASSETT indicated he would write an editorial for "The Worker" in connection with the convention and stated he would confer further with OLIVER MARTIN in this connection on their return to New York.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT indicated that he was generally dissatisfied with the CP's accomplishments at the convention, but that it was gratifying to see that the NAACP Youth Movement was developing rapidly and that the NAACP had taken initiative in aligning itself and working harmoniously with other mass organizations, labor, KING-RANDOLPH Group, etc., which was in accord with the Party's program. He generally agreed that the Party had not been too influential at the convention in view of its weak representation among the convention delegates and because of the fact that the NAACP had developed a full and ambitious program on its own.

As a result of this discussion CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT proposed that the Party should establish a National Committee on NAACP affairs, which committee might include TED BASSETT, who was active in New York in NAACP affairs, apparently at a state level; [redacted] CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, and perhaps a few others.

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From LIGHTFOOT's comments it appeared that PETTIS PERRY who has previously handled the NAACP work for the Party, has had this assignment taken away from him and has been replaced by LIGHTFOOT.

LIGHTFOOT stated that he would present this proposal to the National Committee in New York City in the near future, and that if this committee is approved, it should meet in New York City in January, 1961, to formulate a policy.

LIGHTFOOT indicated that he would depart St. Paul on Sunday morning by automobile, for Chicago, where he would stop to see his son, and that early the following week he would proceed to New York City.

[redacted] resolution on Civil Rights which he hoped to have had it read at the NAACP Convention is as follows:

WHEREAS: The enforcement of laws rests solely with the Executive Branch of the United States government, putting the President of the country in a position where he can in effect nullify the intent of Congress and the directives of the Supreme Court through willful inaction; and,

WHEREAS: Often in history this failure of the Executive Branch of government has been the case, especially with respects to civil rights for Negro citizens. During the Reconstruction period, Congress passed the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments as well as additional civil rights bills. A weak president, Andrew Johnson, and a frightened president, Rutherford B. Hayes, failed to carry out the intent of these laws. Although President Ulysses S. Grant took a stronger position, because his terms fell between those of Johnson and Hayes, his acts were rendered ineffective by what had gone before and what was to follow. With the ruling against public school segregation in 1954, the Supreme Court again gave civil rights a boost, but again, progress has been stymied by presidential inaction; and,

WHEREAS: The nature of the Congress, because of its size, conflicting opinions of its members and crippling procedural rules make it difficult to secure the the passage of satisfactory civil rights legislation. This was demonstrated in the present session when an anti-civil rights coalition forced upon the American people a watered-down, toothless civil rights bill, even though liberals were in the majority of both houses of Congress; and,

WHEREAS: Competent authorities are in agreement that sufficient laws are already on the books for Negro citizens to make significant strides toward equality, if the President of the United States would use the full powers of his office to enforce these laws.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That this historic 51st Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People state emphatically that no candidate nor platform will be acceptable which does not call for the following:

1. A Presidential Executive Order creating a Federal Fair Employment Practices Act with full powers to investigate and remedy discriminatory employment practices in both public and private concerns.
2. A Presidential Executive Order against segregated housing, with special emphasis on the prohibition of Federal Reserve Banks providing mortgage money for the building, financing, etc., of segregated housing.
3. A Presidential Executive Order implementing and guaranteeing the right of Negro citizens to vote in the South; that under this order the President use the full powers of his office to protect these lives, properties and fortunes of Negro citizens exercising this right.
4. The setting up under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, agencies throughout the country to promote better relationships between the races by carrying on a nation-wide program of human relations.
5. The appointment of a Negro to the Cabinet of the President of United States.
6. The appointment of a Negro to fill the first vacancy occurring on the Supreme Court.

A copy of the Resolution on Civil Rights prepared by [] is being retained in Chicago file 100-8261-1A-277.

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The previous mentioned cover letter under the heading of "Chicago League of Negro Voters", which was to be circulated with a pamphlet captioned "Freedom Now" at the NAACP National Convention by [] is as follows:

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CHICAGO LEAGUE OF NEGRO VOTERS.

P.O. Box 6133-Chicago 8, Illinois

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June 16, 1960

Annual Convention,
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Members:

Attached hereto is a copy of a suggested plan of political statement on civil rights, under title of Plan to Increase the Power of Negro Citizens, which is the second in a series drafted by the League of Negro Voters.

The Midwest Conference of Negro Voters is distributing this statement with the hopes that Delegates to this historic convention will discuss ways by which Negro voters can use their political power more efficiently and effectively.

Although the League is a non-partisan and independent organization we believe that Negroes should support the candidates of political parties whose programs and performances are in the best interest of our people and, therefore in the best interest of democracy.

We hope to have the attached plan adopted formally by as many organizations as possible. Therefore, we urge you to read it thoroughly and discuss it among your friends and members of your unions, churches, lodges and other organizations.

We would appreciate a prompt reply so that we may have your thinking on the enclosure before the Convention commences.

Herman Gilbert and Albert Janney will be the official delegates of the Chicago League of Negro Voters to the NAACP Convention, from June 20th through the 26th. Please contact them at the Convention headquarters because it is only through our united efforts that we can force both parties

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to take positions that may lead to legislation of which we may be proud.

Fraternally,

Lemuel E. Bentley, Chairman
Midwest Conference of Negro Voters

Bennett J. Johnson, Executive Director
Chicago League of Negro Voters

The 8 page pamphlet captioned "Freedom Now" dated June, 1960, issued by LEMUEL E. BENTLEY, Chairman, Midwest Conference of Negro Voters; BENNETT J. JOHNSON, Executive Director, Chicago League of Negro Voters, P.O. Box 6133, Chicago 80, Illinois, contains subheadings:

- "The Demonstrated Potential of the Negro Vote"
- "Demand on the 1960 Major Party Conventions"
- "Dixiecrats and the Negro Voter"
- "Intra-Party Independence as a Major Tactic to Increase the Power of the Negro Vote"
- "If the committee knew that these Negro political leaders were organized on a permanent basis and had the guts and independence to unite Negro voters if a Negro were not selected, one would be chosen"

The above mentioned cover letter and pamphlet "Freedom Now" is being retained in Chicago file 100-8261-1A-278.

With reference to the CAROLINE (LNU) from New York, referred to in this report, it is to be noted that the only CAROLINE from New York State listed on the NAACP delegate list was [redacted] New York. It is not known, however, that the CAROLINE referred to herein was an official delegate to the convention.

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A copy of this memorandum is being designated to the counterintelligence file of the New York Office,

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bearing in mind the possibility of using this information of the CAROLINE and [REDACTED] affair at Minneapolis for counter-intelligence purposes against both persons.

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Names mentioned in this memorandum in which no copies are being designated to the respective file are indexed in the Chicago Office.

The cover letter under the heading "Chicago League of Negro Voters, P.O. Box 6133, Chicago 80, Illinois", lists the officers of the above organization as follows:

LEMUEL E. BENTLEY - President
LUSTEN H. JACKSON - Treasurer
E. MARIE SAVAGE - Recording Secretary
GLORIA J. CARTER - Corresponding Secretary
BENNETT J. JOHNSON - Vice-President
DR. T.R.M. HOWARD - Vice-President
REVEREND MORRIS TYNES - Vice-President
Attorney JAMES - Vice President
MARGARET G. BURROUGHS - Vice-President
Attorney GEORGE W. WHITE - Vice-President
CARTER D. JONES - Vice-President